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**AGENDA  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
BOARD MEETING  
Monday, March 14, 2016  
10:30 a.m.**

2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.  
Springfield, Illinois  
and via videoconference  
James R. Thompson Center – Suite 14-100  
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**Roll call.**

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 17 meeting. (will be sent under separate cover)
2. Report of the General Counsel
  - a. Campaign Disclosure;  
Motion to Reconsider
    - 1) *SBE v. Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees*, 27293, 15MQ207; (pgs.1-101)  
Request for settlement offer
    - 2) *SBE v. Boone County Republican Central Committee*, 749, 15AJ003; (pgs.11-17)
    - 3) *SBE v. Committee to Elect Karen Elyea*, 25371, 15JQ101; (pgs.18-20)  
Appeal of campaign disclosure fines – carryover from February - hearing officer recommendation appeal be denied
    - 4) *SBE v. DGEA Coalition* 99, 29525, 15MA122; (pgs.21-24)  
Appeals of campaign disclosure fines – hearing officer recommendation appeals be denied
    - 5) *SBE v. Friends of Mary E. Flowers*, 4261, 15MQ016; (pgs.25-27)
    - 6) *SBE v. Riverside Community Caucus*, 13163, 15MA108; (pgs.28-33)
    - 7) *SBE v. Hinsdale High School Teachers Association*, 17600, 15JQ159; (pgs.34-36)
    - 8) *SBE v. Friends of Paul Mulcahy*, 24669, 15DQ093; (pgs.37-39)
    - 9) *SBE v. Wagner for State Central Committee*, 25120, 15SQ109; (pgs.40-42)
    - 10) *SBE v. Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council PAC*, 31660, 15MA123; (pgs.43-49)  
Other campaign disclosure items
    - 11) Payment of civil penalties – informational. (pg.50)  
Complaints following closed preliminary hearing – separate packet
    - 12) *Rita v. Oak Brook for Natalie Cappetta*, 15CD107; (pgs.1-42)
    - 13) *Seymour v. Citizens for John F. Sweeney*, 15CD111; (pgs.43-63)
    - 14) *McGinley v. Citizens for Michelle Moore*, 16CD092; (pgs.64-85)
    - 15) *Gaines v. Senator Patricia Van Pelt*, 16CD090, 16CD100 & 16CD101; (pgs.86-106)
    - 16) *Million v. Sam McCann for Senate*, 16CD095; (pgs.107-124)

- 17) *Kaye v. Liberty Principles PAC*, 16CD096; (pgs.125-133)
- 18) *Cabay v. Liberty Principles PAC*, 16CD098; (pgs.134-141)
- 19) *Ludington v. Board of Education North Shore District 112 & Bregy*, 16CD099; (pgs.142-157)
- 20) *Schenk v. Cowlin*, 16CD102; (pgs.158-161)

Complaint following closed preliminary hearing – hearing officer recommendation complaints be upheld but no further action required beyond the imposition of a civil penalty

- 21) *SBE v. Winnebago County Board Democratic Caucus*, 16CD019; (pgs.162-164)
- 22) *SBE v. Monroe County Young Democrats*, 16CD032; (pgs.165-167)
- 22) *SBE v. Friends of Judge Dan Kubasiak*, 16CD045; (pgs.168-169)
- 24) *SBE v. Friends of John Mahoney*, 16CD046; (pgs.170-171)
- 25) *SBE v. Yes for EMS*, 16CD055; (pgs.172-173)
- 26) *SBE v. Jorge Mujica for Alderman*, 16CD058; (pgs.174-175)
- 27) *SBE v. Committee to Elect Alex Lemna*, 16CD087; (pgs.176-177)
- 28) *SBE v. Citizens to Elect John McCabe*, 16CD088; (pgs.178-180)
- 29) *SBE v. Citizens for Calloway*, 16CD089; (pgs.181-182)

Complaints following closed preliminary hearing – hearing officer recommendation complaints be upheld and proceed to a public hearing

- 30) *SBE v. Nurses United for PAC*, 16CD001; (pgs.183-185)
- 31) *SBE v. Citizens for Mike Smith*, 16CD004; (pgs.186-188)
- 32) *SBE v. Citizens for Colvin*, 16CD010; (pgs.189-191)
- 33) *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Alvin Parks, Jr.*, 16CD017; (pgs.192-194)
- 34) *SBE v. Citizens for Tyler Smith*, 16CD021; (pgs.195-197)
- 35) *SBE v. Friends of Frank McPartlin*, 16CD024; (pgs.198-200)
- 36) *SBE v. Citizens for Burch*, 16CD027; (pgs.201-202)
- 37) *SBE v. Friends for Jeremy J. Ly*, 16CD029; (pgs.203-204)
- 38) *SBE v. Friends for Strzelczyk*, 16CD036; (pgs.205-206)
- 39) *SBE v. United Party*, 16CD038; (pgs.207-208)
- 40) *SBE v. Friends of Steve Crowley*, 16CD041; (pgs.209-210)
- 41) *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Frazier Garner*, 16CD049; (pgs.211-213)
- 42) *SBE v. Friends of Amara Enyia*, 16CD053; (pgs.214-215)
- 43) *SBE v. Chad Grimm for Governor*, 16CD063; (pgs.216-217)
- 44) *SBE v. Citizens for Pete Sifnotis*, 16CD064; (pgs.218-219)
- 45) *SBE v. Nonprofit VOTE IL*, 16CD065; (pgs.220-222)
- 46) *SBE v. Land of Reagan*, 16CD070; (pgs.223-224)
- 47) *SBE v. Citizens to Elect LaCoulton J. Walls*, 16CD073; (pgs.225-226)
- 48) *SBE v. Citizens for Anthony L. McCaskill*, 16CD074; (pgs.227-228)
- 49) *SBE v. Stars Committee*, 16CD076; (pgs.229-230)
- 50) *SBE v. Jeff Braiman 4 BG*, 16CD078; (pgs.231-232)
- 51) *SBE v. Friends of Darren Tillis*, 16CD081; (pgs.233-234)
- 52) *SBE v. P.O.W.E.R.*, 16CD084; (pgs.235-236)
- 53) *SBE v. Keep Burr Ridge Special*, 16CD086; (pgs.237-238)

- b. Proposed amendments to Administrative Rules, Parts 201 and 202. (pgs.51-58)

3. Report of the Executive Director

- a. Preparations for the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election;
  - 1) Voting systems pre-testing; (pgs.59-60)
  - 2) Election judge training schools – informational; (pgs.61-62)
- b. Consideration of Rules of Procedure for Statewide Constitutional Amendment; (pgs.63-81)
- c. Legislative update; (oral report)
- d. Senate Bill 172 update; (pg.82)
- e. Two year plan of staff activity for the months of March & April – informational. (pgs.83-86)

4. Follow up. (pg.87)

- 5. Comments from the general public. (pg.87)**
- 6. Next Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Chicago. (pg.87)**
- 7. Executive Session. (pgs.88-97)**

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

In the Matter Of:	)	
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State Board of Elections	)	
Complainants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	15 MQ 207
	)	
Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees,	)	
Respondents.	)	

**RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND VACATE  
THE BOARD'S FINAL ORDER OF FEBRUARY 19, 2016**

Respondents, the Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees political committee ("Committee"), by and through its attorneys, Montana & Welch, LLC, respectfully move that the State Board of Elections ("Board") reconsider and vacate the Board's Final Order of February 19, 2016. In support of its motion, the Committee states as follows:

1. Section 125.440 of the Board's Campaign Disclosure Rules and Regulations ("Rules") provides that any party affected by a final order of the Board may file a written motion to reconsider not later than seven (7) days after the effective date of the Board's order.

2. Lawrence Jackson is the chairman and treasurer for the Committee. See Affidavit of Lawrence Jackson, incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and Affidavit of Virgil Jackson, incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

3. The mailing address for the Committee is listed on the Committee's D-1 Statement of Organization as 14501 South Union Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois 60827 ("Riverdale Address"). See Exhibits 1 and 2.

4. Lawrence Jackson resides at the Riverdale Address with his wife, Virgil Jackson. See Exhibits 1 and 2.

5. On or around February 20, 2016, Lawrence Jackson received a copy of a written Final Order via U.S. mail at the Riverdale Address from the Board pertaining to the above-referenced case. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

6. The Final Order stated that a \$5,000 civil penalty had been assessed against the Committee for the delinquent filing of the March 2015 Quarterly Report ("March Report"). *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

7. The Final Order further stated that no appeal of the civil penalty had been submitted by the Committee. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

8. The Final Order additionally stated that the \$5,000 civil penalty is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of the Final Order. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

9. Lawrence and Virgil Jackson are the only people who collect the mail at the Riverdale Address. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

10. Neither Lawrence nor Virgil Jackson ever collected or received any kind of notice of violations, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and related to the filing of the March Report, nor did they collect or receive notice, written or otherwise, that the Board had scheduled a hearing on said violations. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

11. Neither Lawrence nor Virgil Jackson ever collected or received any kind of written notice left by the U.S. Postal Service indicating that certified mail was available to be signed for at the post office. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

12. Neither Lawrence nor Virgil Jackson ever collected or received any kind of notice, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and indicating that a \$5,000 civil penalty had been assessed against the Committee. *See Exhibits 1 and 2.*

13. Neither Lawrence nor Virgil Jackson ever collected or received any kind of notice, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and indicating that the Committee had the opportunity to appeal this civil penalty. See Exhibits 1 and 2.

WHEREFORE, because the Committee never received any notice of violations related to the March Report or any notice of hearing on said violations, the Committee respectfully prays that the Board reconsider and vacate its Final Order of February 19, 2016; schedule a new hearing on the violations related to the March Report; and for all other relief to which the Committee may be entitled in accordance with law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew M. Welch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

One of the Committee's Attorneys

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v.	)	15 MQ 207
	)	
Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees,	)	
Respondents.	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF LAWRENCE JACKSON**

1. I, Lawrence Jackson, am the chairman and treasurer for the Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees political committee ("Committee").
2. The statements herein are based upon personal knowledge and upon my personal review of information available to me in my capacity as the chairman and treasurer for the Committee.
3. The mailing address for the Committee is listed on the Committee's D-1 Statement of Organization as 14501 South Union Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois 60827 ("Riverdale Address").
4. I reside at the Riverdale Address with my wife, Virgil Jackson. My wife and I are the only people who collect the mail at the Riverdale Address.
5. On or around February 20, 2016, I received a copy of a written Final Order via U.S. mail at the Riverdale Address from the Illinois State Board of Elections ("Board") pertaining to the above-referenced case.
6. The Final Order stated that a \$5,000 civil penalty had been assessed against the Committee for the delinquent filing of the March 2015 Quarterly Report ("March Report") and that no appeal of the civil penalty had been submitted by the Committee.
7. The Final Order further stated that the \$5,000 civil penalty is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of the Final Order.
8. I never collected or received any kind of notice of violations, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and related to the filing of the March Report, nor did I collect or receive notice, written or otherwise, that the Board had scheduled a hearing on said violations.
9. I never collected or received any kind of written notice left by the U.S. Postal Service indicating that certified mail was available to be signed for at the post office.
10. I never collected or received any kind of notice, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and indicating that a \$5,000 civil penalty had been assessed against the Committee.

**Exhibit No. 1**

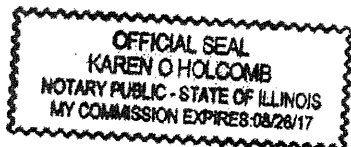
11. I never collected or received any kind of notice, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and indicating that the Committee had the opportunity to appeal this civil penalty.
12. I offer this Affidavit as my voluntary statement and would testify the same way if I was called to testify.
13. Further affiant sayeth not.

Lawrence Jackson

2-26-16  
Date

Signed and sworn before me by Lawrence Jackson  
this 26th day of February, 2016.

Karen O Holcomb  
Notary Public





**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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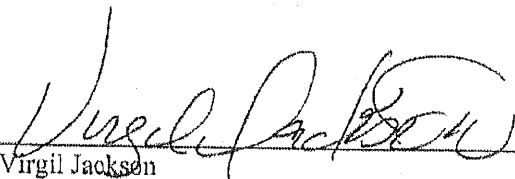
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Respondents.	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF VIRGIL JACKSON**

1. I, Virgil Jackson, am the wife of Lawrence Jackson, the chairman and treasurer for the Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees political committee ("Committee").
2. The statements herein are based upon personal knowledge and upon my personal review of information available to me in my capacity as the wife of Lawrence Jackson.
3. The mailing address for the Committee is listed on the Committee's D-1 Statement of Organization as 14501 South Union Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois 60827 ("Riverdale Address").
4. I reside at the Riverdale Address with my husband. My husband and I are the only people who collect the mail at the Riverdale Address.
5. On or around February 20, 2016, my husband received a copy of a written Final Order via U.S. mail at the Riverdale Address from the Illinois State Board of Elections ("Board") pertaining to the above-referenced case.
6. The Final Order stated that a \$5,000 civil penalty had been assessed against the Committee for the delinquent filing of the March 2015 Quarterly Report ("March Report") and that no appeal of the civil penalty had been submitted by the Committee.
7. The Final Order additionally stated that the \$5,000 civil penalty is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of the Final Order.
8. I never collected or received any kind of notice of violations, written or otherwise, addressed to the Committee and related to the filing of the March Report, nor did I collect or receive notice, written or otherwise, that the Board had scheduled a hearing on said violations.
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**Exhibit No. 2**

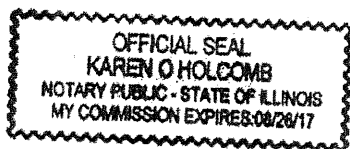
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12. I offer this Affidavit as my voluntary statement and would testify the same way if I was called to testify.
13. Further affiant sayeth not.

  
Virgil Jackson

2/26/2016  
Date

Signed and sworn before me by Virgil Jackson  
this 26 day of February, 2016.

  
Notary Public



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Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees   )  
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**FINAL ORDER**

TO: Riverdale 2015 Village Trustees       ID# 27293  
    14501 S. Union Ave  
    Riverdale, IL 60827

This matter coming to be heard this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 as an imposition of a civil penalty under Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et. seq.*), and the State Board of Elections being fully advised in the premises,

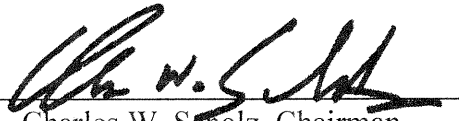
**THE BOARD FINDS**

1. In case number 15 MQ 207, a \$5000.00 civil penalty was assessed against the Respondent for the delinquent filing of the March 2015 Quarterly report; and
2. An appeal of the civil penalty was not submitted by the committee, and
3. The committee was previously assessed a penalty of \$75.00 for the delinquent filing of the December 2014 Quarterly report (15 DQ 161) and a penalty of \$700.00 for the delinquent filing of the June 2015 Quarterly report (15 JQ 139). These assessments were not appealed and have been paid by the committee.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$5000.00 is imposed and is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of this Order; and
2. The effective date of this Order is February 19, 2016 and
3. This is a Final Order subject to review under the Administrative Review Law and Section 9-22 of the Election Code.

DATED: 2/19/2016

  
Charles W. Scholz, Chairman

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NOTICE OF FILING

To: Ken Menzel, General Counsel  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 26, 2016, the undersigned caused to be filed with the Illinois State Board of Elections, a copy of the ***Respondents' Motion to Reconsider and Vacate the Board's Final Order of February 19, 2016*** in the above-referenced matter, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you.

By: Matthew M. Welch  
Attorney for Defendant

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure hereby certify that I served this Notice of Filing together with the attached *Respondents' Motion to Reconsider and Vacate the Board's Final Order of February 19, 2016* upon the above-referenced individual via email transmission on February 26, 2016.

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State Board of Elections of Illinois

Mr. Tom Newman

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# 749

Mr. Tom Newman,

I humbly ask the Illinois Board of Elections to rescind the \$1750 penalty for the Boone County Republican Central Committee. When first notified of my error in not reporting an over \$1,000 contribution, I had asked Attorney James Hursh to write a letter of explanation as to my mistake in not reporting the dollars received within 10 days. He offered a penalty payment of \$250.00; apparently this wasn't received or accepted as I never heard anymore on this matter until sometime later.

My situation is this, I took the position as an elected committeeman in April 2014. The person elected treasurer, Don Menge, stepped down within the first month. There was no one willing to step up so I assumed the role of treasurer also. I made a point of filing on time as my predecessor was late repeatedly as I learned later. The infraction was monies given to our committee by our fellow Republican group, Boone County Republican Club. Their purpose has always been to assist the Central Committee in finances. The dollars received in the summer of 2014 were \$1500 for high school scholarships and \$2500 seed money for our Boone County Fair tent in August.

At no time were my intentions to hide receipts from the board, it was simply my ignorance of procedures. I have always had issues with the reporting site and was wrong in not seeking advice from the board. All this said, I have been treated repeatedly for A Fib and had a total knee replacement in September 2015. My health issues have made my initiative to be Chairman and Treasurer limited. I have decided not to seek election to precinct committeeman and have repeatedly ask others to replace me.

I hope the board can be lenient on me as it was my error and neglect to question and seek answers that got the committee in this position. \$1750 is a lot of money and if you check our reporting, we seldom have anywhere near those funds on hand. Please consider this request as I would hope the \$250.00 penalty would be fair as that is what was offered last year.

Any further questions, please ask. Once again I apologize for my neglect to consult the board. I will be very explicit in explaining the rules and will encourage the new officers to seek education.

Thank you for any consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Murphy

Chairman, treasurur

Boone County Central Committee 10 # 749

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January 5, 2016  
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Boone County Republican Central Cmte  
Patrick J. Murphy  
520 Pearl St #315  
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**FINAL NOTICE**

Dear Committee:

Your committee has previously been assessed civil penalties totaling **\$1750.00** for violations of the Campaign Disclosure Act. These fines were imposed under the provisions of Section 9-10 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-10) and 26 Ill. Adm. Code Section 125.425.

If this civil penalty continues beyond **February 5, 2016**, this debt may be referred to the Illinois Department of Revenue's Debt Collection Bureau. Should that occur, any moneys which are due and owing from the State of Illinois to your committee, may be seized and set-off against your continuing debt and your committee's remaining assets may be subject to liens and forfeiture by the private collection agencies employed by the Debt Collection Bureau. The name of your committee will also remain posted on the State Board of Elections' list of committees with fines due and owing until the debt is satisfied.

Please be advised that if this is a candidate committee, the candidate associated with this committee is also subject to **BALLOT FORFEITURE** pursuant to Section 9-30 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-30). As such, the name of your committee's candidate **"SHALL NOT APPEAR UPON ANY BALLOT FOR ANY OFFICE IN ANY ELECTION WHILE THE PENALTY IS UNPAID"**.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please contact Campaign Disclosure at (217) 782-4141. Thank you.

Sincerely;

Tom Newman, Director  
Campaign Disclosure Division

TN: lm



Boone County Republican Central Cmte.

Patrick J. Murphy

520 Pearl St., #315

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February 4, 2016

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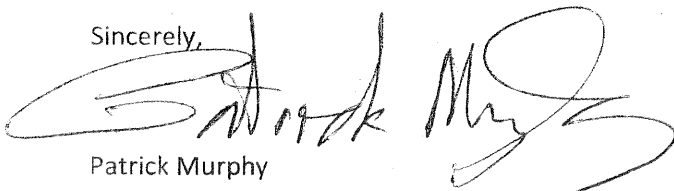
Dear Campaign Disclosure Division:

I am requesting the opportunity to attend the February 18, 2016 committee meeting to plead my case as to why I don't think our committee should be fined as stated in the letter from your office dated January 5, 2016. There are several reasons why I believe our committee shouldn't be penalized so harshly.

Lack of knowledge isn't always a good defense however in this case the lack of training and ready resources to administer the committee weren't obvious to me. Since September I have some health issue which put this part time responsibility on the side. I do want to note that treasurer Don Menge was taken off the officer list within a month of listing as he decided it wasn't a responsibility he wished to take upon. This change was noted on the website accordingly.

If granted the opportunity, I will gladly attend the Springfield meeting. Hopefully I won't have a relapse as I have been treated for A Fib. I patiently await your response. Thanks you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Murphy", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Murphy

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## Newman, Tom

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**From:** Patrick Murphy <p.murphyinsservices@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 11:01 AM  
**To:** Newman, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: Boone County Republican Central Committee

Tom, I feel so lame on this whole issue. No excuses but I have way too much on my plate plus dealing with some semi-serious health issue and no one willing to step up and help. I will draft a settlement request by this weekend, may I email directly to you? Thanks again for your advice.

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**From:** Newman, Tom [mailto:TNewman@elections.il.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 10:23 AM  
**To:** 'p.murphyinsservices@comcast.net'  
**Subject:** Boone County Republican Central Committee

Mr. Murphy,

I received your letter regarding the fines assessed against your committee, and your request to address the Board at its Feb 18 meeting, but I am a little confused. The appeal period for the latest fine is long past, with the Final Board Order issued on 10/14/15. At this time, the only option left is to request a settlement offer from the Board. This would be an offer to settle the outstanding fines for less than the total amount. If this is your intent, a settlement offer including the dollar amount being offered, needs to be submitted in writing. Based on the timing, it is likely any settlement offer would not go onto the Board's agenda for the February meeting, but rather at the March 21 meeting. I am also attaching a copy of the Board's current policy regarding settlement offers. If you have any questions or need assistance, I can be reached at 217-782-1558.

Newman, Tom

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**From:** Patrick Murphy <p.murphyinsservices@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:27 PM  
**To:** Newman, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: Boone County Republican Central Committee #749

Correct

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**From:** Newman, Tom [mailto:TNewman@elections.il.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016 8:20 AM  
**To:** 'Patrick Murphy'  
**Subject:** RE: Boone County Republican Central Committee #749

Just to be clear, the settlement you are offering is \$250 – correct?

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**From:** Patrick Murphy [mailto:p.murphyinsservices@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:19 AM  
**To:** Newman, Tom <TNewman@elections.il.gov>  
**Subject:** Boone County Republican Central Committee #749

Please!

STATE OF ILLINOIS           )  
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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter Of:                               )  
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State Board of Elections                       )  
    Complainant(s),                            )  
  )  
Vs.    ) 15 AJ 003  
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Boone County Republican Central             )  
Committee                                       )  
    Respondent(s).                             )

**FINAL ORDER**

TO: Boone County Republican Central Committee ID# 749  
520 Pearl St #315  
Belvidere, IL 61008

This matter coming to be heard this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015 as an imposition of a civil penalty under Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et. seq.*), and the State Board of Elections being fully advised in the premises,

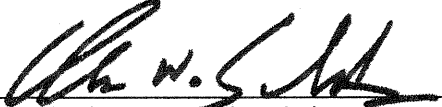
**THE BOARD FINDS**

1. In case number 15 AJ 003, a \$750.00 civil penalty was initially assessed against the Respondent for failing to file a Schedule A-1 during the second quarter of 2015; and
2. An appeal of the civil penalty was not submitted by the committee, and
3. The committee was previously assessed a penalty of \$500.00 for failing to file a Schedule A-1 during the second quarter of 2012 (12 AJ 012), a penalty of \$50.00 for the delinquent filing of the September 2012 quarterly report (12 SQ 012) and a penalty of \$50.00 for the delinquent filing of the June 2013 quarterly report (13 JQ 019). These assessments were not appealed, the Schedule A-1 assessment was reduced to \$50.00 by the Board, and have been paid by the committee. The committee was also assessed a penalty of a \$2000.00 for the delinquent filing of Schedule A-1's during the second quarter of 2014 (14 AJ 010). The appeal of this assessment was denied, the amount was reduced to \$1000.00 by the Board and remains unpaid, and
4. Pursuant to section 9-10 of the Code, the assessed penalty of \$750.00 be imposed (as a third violation, the penalty is 100% of the value of the delinquently reported contributions).

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00 is imposed and is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of this Order. The previously assessed penalty totaling \$1000.00 remains unpaid and is past due; and
2. The effective date of this Order is October 14, 2015, and
3. This is a Final Order subject to review under the Administrative Review Law and Section 9-22 of the Election Code.

DATED: 10/14/2015

  
Charles W. Scholz, Chairman

Recipient Information

To: Ken Menzel  
Company: State Board of Elections  
Fax #: 3128146485

Sender Information

From: Karen Elyea  
Email address: karen@minglewood.us (from 184.60.36.32)  
Phone #: 8155666957  
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February 4, 2016

Ken Menzel

General Council

State Board of Elections

Fax: 312/814-6485

Dear Mr. Menzel:

I have been assessed a fine of \$450 for late filing a second time within two years. I would like to appeal to the board for a reduction in the fine. The balance of my committee fund stands at zero. This fine creates a personal hardship for me. I would like to rectify this matter, avoid collections and remain in good standing. A reduction of 50% would help me considerably. Please advise if I am eligible to avoid collection until the board decides if they may reduce my fine on Feb. 17. I am up for re-election in the Spring 2017.

I appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Elyea

11th Ward Alderman

1302 Broadway

Rockford, IL 61104

815-566-6957

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February 4, 2016

Ken Menzel  
General Council  
State Board of Elections

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I appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Karen Elyea  
Alderman for the 11th Ward  
1302 Broadway  
Rockford, IL 61104  
815-566-6957

STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter Of:               )  
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    Complainant(s),            )  
                                      )  
Vs.                                ) 15 JQ 101  
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Committee to Elect Karen Elyea   )  
    Respondent(s).            )

**FINAL ORDER**

TO:   Committee to Elect Karen Elyea       ID# 25371  
      1302 Broadway  
      Rockford, IL 61104

This matter coming to be heard this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015 as an imposition of a civil penalty under Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et. seq.*), and the State Board of Elections being fully advised in the premises,

**THE BOARD FINDS**

1. In case number 15 JQ 101, a \$200.00 civil penalty was assessed against the Respondent for the delinquent filing of the June 2015 Quarterly report; and
2. An appeal of the civil penalty was not submitted by the committee, and
3. The committee was previously assessed a penalty of \$250.00, which was stayed as a first violation, for the delinquent filing of the June 2013 Quarterly report (13 JQ 238). This assessment was not appealed.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 is imposed and the stay is lifted on the previously assessed penalty of \$250.00. The total amount of \$450.00 is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of this Order; and
2. The effective date of this Order is October 14, 2015 and
3. This is a Final Order subject to review under the Administrative Review Law and Section 9-22 of the Election Code.

DATED: 10/14/2015

  
Charles W. Scholz, Chairman

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

**Complainant**

v.

**15 MA 122**

DGEA Coalition 99 ID# 29525

**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**

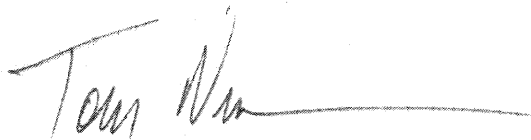
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquent Filing of the  
June 2015 and September 2015 Quarterly Report

The June 2015 Quarterly Report was received by the Board on 8/18/15, 24 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of \$1,200. The September 2015 Quarterly Report was received by the Board on 10/26/15, 7 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of \$1,400. Additionally, the Committee was previously assessed a \$1,350 civil penalty (not appealed, stayed) for delinquent filing of the March 2015 Quarterly Report. The total assessment is \$3,950.

Jocelyn Painter, the Treasurer of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, Ms. Painter states that the late filings were the result of many unfortunate things, including family medical issues, a misunderstanding of the filing requirements and difficulty with correctly entering numbers into the IDIS electronic filing system. She adds that the Committee is now on track with its reporting and has set things up to make sure no more late filings occur.

The Committee has my sympathy for the host of problems it has faced in its reporting. However, none of those problems appears to rise to the level of an excuse for the late filings. Difficulties using the IDIS system might normally qualify for an electronic filing defense, but the lateness of the filings in question seems to indicate that no assistance was sought from the Board for this issue, or at least that assistance was not sought in a timely fashion. For these reasons, I recommend the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, the stay would be lifted from the previous assessment and the total penalty of \$3,950 will be due and owing. (As of 12/31/15, this Committee reported a funds available balance of \$11,782.94)



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Tom Newman – Hearing Officer  
February 1, 2016



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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2015 DEC -2 PM 1: 52  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

THE MATTER OF; )  
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Complainant )  
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DGEA COALITION 99 )  
Respondent(s). )

Case No. 15MA122

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

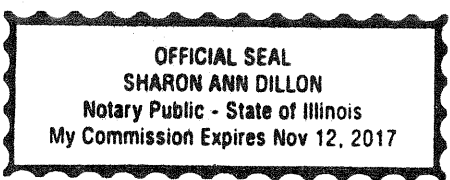
Jocelyn Painter, the Treasurer of the  
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)  
DGEA Coalition 99  
(Name of the Committee)

mittee, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good  
n or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

Due to many unfortunate things: Chairman's family medical issues, late start  
in getting PAC started on IDIS due to misinformation from the Illinois Education Association,  
not being in session over the summer when many letters from the State Board of Elections  
were sent, and having trouble inputting numbers into the IDIS system correctly.  
all contributed to the misfilings. We are now on track with all reports and have  
set up things so this never happens again. We ask for the fines to be forgiven for the  
above reasons.

Jocelyn Painter  
Signature of Chairman/Treasurer

and Sworn to by:  
Sharon Ann Dillon  
me this 30 Day of November, 2015  
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November 18, 2015

DGEA Coalition 99  
Motti Pikelný, Jocelyn Painter  
1436 Norfolk Street  
Downers Grove, IL 60516

ID# 29525

7015 1730 0002 1035 1673

Dear DGEA Coalition 99:

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures
Report Period:	April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015
Filing Period:	July 1, 2015 through July 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received by the Board on August 18, 2015, 24 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$1200.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015
Filing Period:	October 1, 2015 through October 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on October 26, 2015, 7 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$1400.00.

If the above listed violation is not appealed, and since this is a subsequent violation, the previously stayed fine(s) for delinquent filing is now also required to be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

Reporting Period	Report Type	Previous Fine Amount
March 2015	Quarterly <i>15 MQ 205</i>	\$1350
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE</b>		<b>\$3950</b>

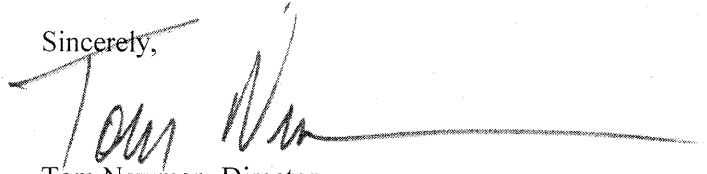
The total for all assessments in this letter is \$3950.00.

Enclosed, please find Section 125.425 *Civil Penalty Assessments* and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. **Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal by December 18, 2015, you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.**

If you do not appeal this assessment, you must pay your fine within 30 days of the Final Board Order. However, you may also elect to pay the fine at this time. You may mail or deliver payments to the State Board of Elections, Attn: Campaign Disclosure, 2329 S MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704. You may also pay by American Express, MasterCard, or Discover.

If you have questions regarding the appeal process, please call Laura Marbold at 217-782-1543.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Newman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tom Newman, Director  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm

Enclosure(s): appeal packet

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK**

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Illinois State Board of Elections

**Complainant**

Vs.

15 MQ 016

Friends of Mary E. Flowers (ID: #4261)

**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquently Filing  
The March 2015 Quarterly Report

The March 2015 Quarterly Report was received by the Board on April 26, 2015, 7 days late, resulting in a \$350 civil penalty.

Michael J. Kasper, Attorney of the Committee, filed a Request for Hearing and submitted an Appeal Affidavit. The appeal hearing was held on August 17, 2015.

Attorney Michael J. Kasper appeared on behalf of the Committee, accompanied by the candidate Mary Flowers. Representative Flowers stated that she has been in office for 30 years and her treasurer, Delores Crawford, has been managing the filings for several years. Rep. Flowers stated that she noticed that Delores had many responsibilities that were overwhelming her, so Rep. Flowers decided to take on her own disclosure reporting as a result. She stated that in taking on her new duties she didn't receive notice of the filing reporting period. She was unaware that the quarterly report deadline had passed until receiving a call from the Board via Delores.

I recommend the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, a \$350 civil penalty will be due and owing. (As of 12/31/15, this Committee reported a funds available balance of \$63,211.26).

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Clinton J. Jenkins – Hearing Officer  
November 25, 2015

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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State of Illinois )  
 County of: Cook )

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
 OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

Complainant

Vs.

Case No. 15M0016Friends of Mary E. Flowers

Respondent(s):

## APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, Michael J. Kasper, the Attorney of the  
 (Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)

Friends of Mary E. Flowers

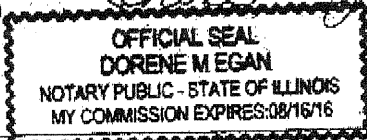
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

Penalty was wrongfully assessed. Reasons to be presented at the hearing.

*Michael J. Kasper*  
 Signature of Chairman/Treasurer  
 Attorney

Signed and Sworn to by:

*Michael J. Kasper*before me this 18 Day of June, 2015Notary Public  
(seal)*Dorene M. Egan*

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June 8, 2015

ID# 4261

Friends of Mary E Flowers  
Delores Crawford  
2801 S King Drive, Apt 1617  
Chicago, IL 60616

7014 2120 0001 1723 2034

Dear Friends of Mary E Flowers:

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015
Filing Period:	April 1, 2015 through April 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on 4/26/2015, 7 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$350.00.

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Sincerely,

Tom Newman, Director,  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm  
Enclosure(s): appeal packet

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK**

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Illinois State Board of Elections  
**Complainant**

Vs.

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Riverside Community Caucus      13163  
**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**

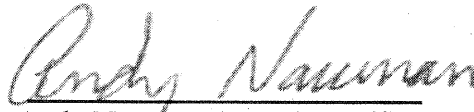
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquently Filing  
The June 2015 Quarterly Report & the September 2015 Quarterly Report

The June 2015 Quarterly Report was received by the Board on 10/22/15, 70 days late resulting in a civil penalty of \$1,725. In addition the September 2015 Quarterly Report was received by the Board on 10/22/15, 5 days late resulting in a civil penalty of \$250. The total assessment is \$1,975.

The chairman of the Committee, John Mathews, appeared at the February 1<sup>st</sup> appeal hearing.

Mr. Matthews stated that it was his human error and his inexperience in dealing with the rules and regulations of the Illinois Campaign Finance laws that caused the two reports to be delinquent. Mr. Matthews took over as the chairman of the Caucus in early 2015 and their treasurer resigned in June of 2015. Mr. Matthews mistakenly assumed that the treasurer had filed the June 2015 Quarterly Report before he resigned but he did not realize that the report had not been filed until later. Mr. Matthews acknowledged that he had received several letters from the State Board of Elections but it was not until after he received the letter notifying him that he had also failed to file the September 2015 Quarterly Report that he made the trip down to the Board's Chicago office to seek assistance in getting the reports filed. Mr. Matthews is aware that ignorance is no excuse however he stated that the Riverside Community Caucus is not your typical committee. He said the Committee exists solely to select and slate candidates for office in Riverside every two year and that the Committee is essentially dormant at all other times. Mr. Matthews stated that in recent years the membership of the organization has been less and less involved and the average age of its member is now into their 70s and it is getting harder and harder to keep the organization running as members depart. The Caucus membership is \$20 a year and they have difficulty even collecting that from many of its members. He said the organization on average spends around \$100 a year and in the last two elections their candidates ran unopposed. Mr. Matthews stated that everyone makes mistakes as even the assessment letter concerning this matter had errors on it and he requests the appeal be granted. If the Board does not grant the appeal he requests a reduction to the amount being fined as the fine amount is more than 60% of their treasury and he believes the penalty structure is not proportionally set up for organizations such as the Riverside Community Caucus.

I understand that Mr. Matthews was a new officer to the Committee and that he may not have been familiar with the Campaign Disclosure filing requirements however that does not relieve the Committee of their responsibility to file reports in a timely matter. I recommend the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense in relation to both quarterly reports. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, the total assessment of \$1,975 will be due and owing. (As of 12/31/15, this Committee reported a funds available balance of \$3,194.41.)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andy Nauman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and last name "Nauman" clearly distinguishable.

Andy Nauman – Hearing Officer

February 2, 2016



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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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Case No. 15MR108

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

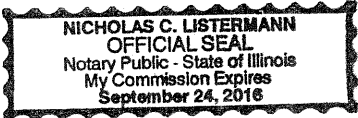
John Mathews, the Chairman of the  
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Riverside Community Caucus  
(Name of the Committee)

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See Attached  
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[Signature]  
Signature of Chairman/Treasurer

and Sworn to by: [Signature]  
me this 18 Day of December, 2015

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

15 DEC 18 AM 11: 50

Riverside Community Caucus

363 Downing Road

Riverside, IL

Illinois State Board of Elections

2329 S. MacArthur Boulevard

Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is in reference to the penalties levied on the Riverside Community Caucus for failure to timely file the June and September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. As Chairman of the Caucus, I would like to request a hearing in Chicago to appeal this fine.

The reason for this appeal is quite straightforward—human error and my inexperience in dealing with the rules and regulations of the Illinois Campaign Finance laws. I took over as Chairman of the Caucus in early 2015, and our treasurer resigned in June of that year. When I picked up the years and years of materials from the former treasurer, I mistakenly assumed that we had filed the report for June. We had not, but this was completely my fault. In my defense, the Illinois Campaign financing rules are complex, and it was not even clear to me that we had to file. I received several letters from the State Board of elections, but it was not until after I received the letter noting that we had also failed to file for September that I went personally to the State Board office in Chicago and filed.

I am well aware that ignorance is no excuse, and I completely understand the need for these laws. With that said, the Riverside Community Caucus is not a typical political party or organization. We exist solely to select and slate candidates for office in Riverside every 2 years. When we are not in an election year, we essentially go dormant—we don't attempt to influence policy, we don't raise money, we don't opine of matters of public record. We have approximately \$3,000.00 in the bank and only spend about \$100.00 in an average year (we sponsor an ornament on the Riverside Christmas tree and make a small donation to the Riverside art fair). We didn't even spend any money in the last election, because our candidates were unopposed. We are not professionals, we don't retain legal counsel, and we have no interest in partisan politics on a local, state or federal level.

I'm hopeful that by appearing before the Board I can demonstrate that these 2 errors were not intentional and that the mistakes were just part of the learning curve. The Caucus has been around for over 75 years, and I really feel terrible that I made these basic mistakes. Please provide me with the opportunity to assure you that this won't happen again and that the errors were due to my ignorance, and not to malfeasance.

Best regards,



John Mathews

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Steven S. Sandvoss

January 25, 2016

CORRECTED ASSESSMENT

Riverside Community Caucus  
PO Box 61  
Riverside, IL 60546

ID# 13163

Dear Riverside Community Caucus:

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures
Report Period:	April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015
Filing Period:	July 1, 2015 through July 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received by the Board on 10/22/2015, 70 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$1725.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015
Filing Period:	October 1, 2015 through October 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on 10/22/2015, 5 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$250.00.

**The total for all assessments in this letter is \$1975.00.**

Enclosed, please find Section 125.425 *Civil Penalty Assessments* and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. **Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal by December 18, 2015, you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.**

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Campaign Disclosure, 2329 S MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704. You may also pay by American Express, MasterCard, or Discover.

If you have questions regarding the appeal process, please call Laura Marbold at 217-782-1543.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Newman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Newman, Director  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm

Enclosure(s): appeal packet

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

**Complainant**

v.

15 JQ 159

Hinsdale High School Teachers Assn

Cmte ID: 17600

**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment

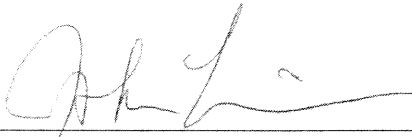
For Delinquently Filing the June 2015 Quarterly Report

The Report was received August 17th, 2015, 23 days late, leading to an assessment of \$1150. The Committee was previously fined \$150 (not appealed, stayed) for delinquently filing the March 2014 Quarterly Report. The total assessment is \$1300.

Randy Brogan, the Chairman and Treasurer of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and an Appeal Affidavit in this matter.

On the Affidavit, Mr. Brogan cited miscommunication during the transition between Treasurers as the reason for the delinquent filing.

I recommend the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. There is no statutory basis for relief in this matter. If the Board accepts this recommendation, the stay on the \$150 fine for the late March 2014 Quarterly report would be lifted, and a total of \$1300 would be due and owing. As of December 31st, 2015, the Committee's reported balance was \$3,394.41.



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John Levin – Hearing Officer  
February 18th, 2016

County of Illinois )  
City of: DuPage )

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2015 DEC 29 AM 8:08  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

THE MATTER OF; )  
NOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, )  
Complainant )  
Respondent(s). )  
Hinsdale High School Teachers Assn

Case No. 159Q159

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

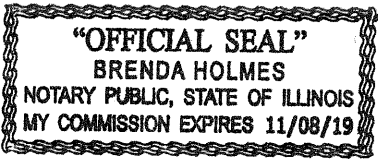
Randy Brogan, the Treasurer of the  
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)  
Hinsdale High School Teachers Assn  
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good  
in or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

The delays in filing of our quarterly report  
were due to miscommunication between incoming and  
outgoing Treasurers in our organization. We are very sorry  
for the oversight and any consideration for reducing the  
fine would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Randy Brogan  
Signature of Chairman/Treasurer

I and Sworn to by:  
Randolph R. Brogan  
me this 23rd Day of Dec., 2015  
Public B. Brogan



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November 18, 2015

ID# 17600

Hinsdale High School Teachers Assn  
c/o Lisa Hikes  
55th & Grant Street  
Hinsdale, IL 60521

7015 1730 0002 1035 5206

Dear Hinsdale High School Teachers Assn:

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015
Filing Period:	July 1, 2015 through July 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on 8/17/2015, 23 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$1150.00.

Enclosed, please find Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. *Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal by December 18, 2015 you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.*

Since this is a subsequent violation, if the above listed violation is not appealed, the previously assessed fine(s) for delinquent filing listed below must also be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

Reporting Period	Report Type	Previous Fine Amount
March 2014	Quarterly	\$150
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE</b>		<b>\$1300.00</b>

If you do not appeal this assessment, you must pay your fine within 30 days of the Final Board Order. However, you may also elect to pay the fine at this time. You may mail or deliver payments to the State Board of Elections, Attn: Campaign Disclosure, 2329 S MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704. You may also pay by MasterCard, Discover, or American Express, for an additional fee.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please call Laura Marbold at 217-782-1543.

Sincerely,

Tom Newman, Director,  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm  
Enclosure(s): appeal packet

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK**

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Illinois State Board of Elections

**Complainant**

Vs.

15 DQ 093

Friends of Paul Mulcahy (ID# 24669)

**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**

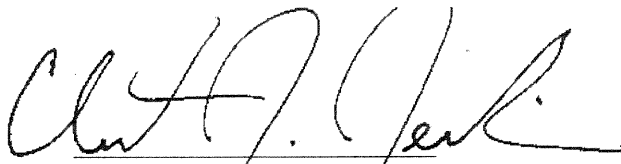
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquently Filing  
The December 2014 Quarterly Report

The Report was received by the Board on January 20, 2015, 2 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of \$100. In addition the committee was assessed a \$150 civil penalty (not appealed, stayed) for delinquently filing the 2013 June Quarterly Report. The total assessment is \$250.

Elizabeth Felt Wakeman, Treasurer of the Committee, filed a Request for Hearing and submitted an Appeal Affidavit. The appeal hearing was held on May 6, 2015.

Elizabeth Felt Wakeman appeared on behalf of the Committee. Ms. Wakeman stated that the initial cause of the committee's problem stemmed from the late filing of a June 2013 report which was the result of some medical hardships involving her mother. During the filing period of the June 2013 report Ms. Wakeman's mother was taken to the hospital by ambulance; as a result of her complications she was placed on an order of 24-hour care. The order of 24-hour care required Ms. Wakeman to stay with her mother at her mother's home until staff was hired and trained to continue with her mother's care. Ms. Wakeman stated that because of her mother's illness she was not physically present to file the committee's disclosure report. The committee did not appeal the fine because it was stayed and she was sure to be careful in the future. Ms. Wakeman stated that she normally faxed the reports in to the Board but was told by staff, during a call in fall of 2014, that the Board preferred mail. The next report was sent by mail. She stated that she mailed it from the post office on January 13<sup>th</sup>. She said she had confidence that her filing would reach the Board by the deadline on January 15<sup>th</sup> because many of the previous letters she had sent to California from Illinois had arrived within two days.

The Committee's December 2014 Quarterly Report was postmarked on January 13, as indicated by Ms. Wakeman. However, in order to be considered a timely filing, the Report would have to have been postmarked at least 72 hours prior to the deadline, which means a January 12 postmark was required. I recommend the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, a \$250 civil penalty will be due. (As of 12/31/15, this Committee reported a funds available balance of \$1,228.45).



Clinton J. Jenkins – Hearing Officer

February 9, 2016



State of Illinois )  
County of: Mulberry )

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF; )  
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, )  
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Complainant )  
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vs. )  
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Friends of Paul Mulberry )  
Respondent(s). )

Case No. 4500093

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

Elizabeth R. Warkner, the Treasurer of the  
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)  
Friends of Paul Mulberry  
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

The reports have always been filed due to insufficient time  
between my receipt of the statements and the due date. I was  
previously advised that filing was not permitted. I deposited the  
report in the mail on 1-13-15

The 6-13 report was late due to my not being hospitalized, which  
for a stroke so that I was away from the other end of  
home

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Signature of Chairman/Treasurer

igned and Sworn to by: [Signature]  
for me this 20th Day of March, 2015  
Notary Public  
(al)



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February 27, 2015

ID# 24669

Friends of Paul Mulcahy  
Paul Mulcahy  
3960 Peartree Dr  
Lake In The Hills, IL 60102

7014 2120 0001 1723 2768

Dear Friends of Paul Mulcahy:

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014
Filing Period:	January 1, 2015 through January 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on 1/20/2015, 2 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$100.00.

Enclosed, please find the Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. *Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal by March 27, 2015 you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.*

If the above listed violation is not appealed, and since this is a subsequent violation, the previously assessed fine(s) for delinquent filing is now also required to be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

Reporting Period	Report Type	Previous Fine Amount
June 2013	Quarterly	\$150
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE</b>		<b>\$250.00</b>

If you do not appeal this assessment, you must pay your fine within 30 days of the Final Board Order. However, you may also elect to pay the fine at this time. You may mail or deliver payments to the State Board of Elections, Attn: Campaign Disclosure, 2329 S MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704. You may also pay by MasterCard, Discover, or American Express.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please call Laura Marbold at 217-782-1543.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Steward".

Sharon Steward, Director,  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm

Enclosure(s): appeal packet

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK**

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Illinois State Board of Elections

**Complainant**

Vs.

15 SQ 109

Wagner for State Central Committee

25120

**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**


Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquent Filing of the  
September 2015 Quarterly Report

The report was received by the Board on 10/19/15, 2 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of \$100. Additionally, the Committee had previously been assessed a \$300 civil penalty (not appealed, stayed) for delinquently filing the September 2013 Quarterly Report. The total assessment is \$400.

Robert Wagner, the candidate, appeared at the rescheduled February 10<sup>th</sup> appeal hearing.

Mr. Wagner stated that he formed the Committee when he ran for Village Trustee even though he never reached the \$3,000 threshold that was in place at that point in time. Mr. Wagner organized and filed with the State Board of Elections because he feels it is important to let the community know who your contributors are and he wants everything to be in the open. He also stated that he more recently ran for State Central Committeeman and he amended his Committee's D-1 to conform to that office. It is Mr. Wagner's understanding that since he did not reach the \$3,000 threshold which has since been increased to \$5,000 that he would not need to file reports because he did not meet the definition of a committee by law. He also stated that he does not believe he will ever reach the \$5,000 threshold and that he did not have any activity in the reporting period that he is being assessed a penalty on. Mr. Wagner said that his primary contributors have been his family and friends. Mr. Wagner contends that he basically has been self-regulating his filings as he wants to conform to the spirit of law. Mr. Wagner requests that the Board use any discretionary powers that they have in matters such as this and either grant the appeal or significantly reduce the amount of the civil penalty as he had extenuating circumstances and he only missed the deadline by 2 days. Additionally, he said he is a person of modest means and the penalty would be burdensome. Mr. Wagner believes that if the Board were to penalize him for this infraction they would be sending the wrong message out to those who are thinking about seeking office with the intent of conforming to the spirit of the law as they will be penalized for filings that they would not be required to file otherwise.

The Respondent's Committee may not have met the \$3,000 threshold however it became a political committee and agreed to abide by the Campaign Financing Act when it filed the D-1, Statement of Organization, on 1/31/14. Therefore, the Committee had a filing obligation to file the September 2015 Quarterly Report. I recommend the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. As per the Mr. Wagner's request to reduce the fine amount I do not believe there is a statutory basis for relief as requested. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, the stay would be lifted from the previous assessment and the total penalty of \$400 will be due and owing. (As of 12/31/15, this Committee reported a funds available balance of \$579.96.)

  
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Andy Nauman – Hearing Officer  
February 11, 2016

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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THE MATTER OF; )  
INOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, )  
Complainant )  
Wagner for )  
State Central Committee )  
Respondent(s). )

Case No. 153Q109

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

Robert J. Wagner the Chairman of the  
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)  
Wagner for State Central Committee  
(Name of the Committee)

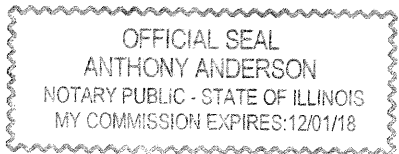
Committee, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good  
reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

Penalty is excessive and unreasonable  
Penalty is arbitrary and not commensurate  
with violation.

Robert J. Wagner  
Signature of Chairman/Treasurer

and Sworn to by:  
ANTHONY ANDERSON  
me this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of DEC, 2015

Public  
[Signature]



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November 18, 2015  
ID# 25120

Wagner for State Central Committee  
Robert Wagner  
114 W. Monroe  
Villa Park, IL 60181

7015 1730 0002 1035 0928

Dear Wagner for State Central Committee:

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015
Filing Period:	October 1, 2015 through October 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on 10/19/2015, 2 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$100.00.

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Since this is a subsequent violation, if the above listed violation is not appealed, the previously assessed fine(s) for delinquent filing listed below must also be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

Reporting Period	Report Type	Previous Fine Amount
September 2013	Quarterly	\$300
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>

If you do not appeal this assessment, you must pay your fine within 30 days of the Final Board Order. However, you may also elect to pay the fine at this time. You may mail or deliver payments to the State Board of Elections, Attn: Campaign Disclosure, 2329 S MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704. You may also pay by MasterCard, Discover, or American Express, for an additional fee.

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Sincerely,

Tom Newman, Director,  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm  
Enclosure(s): appeal packet

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON**

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Illinois State Board of Elections

**Complainant**

v.

**15 MA 123**

Central Illinois Building & Construction  
Trades Council PAC

ID #31660

**Respondent**

**REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquent Filing of the Statement of Organization, the 2011 September & December Quarterly Reports, the 2012 March, June, September & December Quarterly reports, the 2013 March, June, September & December Quarterly reports, the 2014 March, June, September & December Quarterly reports and the 2015 March Quarterly report.

The Statement of Organization was received by the Board on July 2, 2015, 958 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty. The September 2011 Quarterly report was received July 9, 2015, 922 days late resulting in a \$5,000 penalty. The Committee filed the following disclosure reports with the Board on July 10, 2015; the December 2011 Quarterly report, 862 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the March 2012 Quarterly report, 801 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the June 2012 Quarterly report, 738 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the September 2012 Quarterly report, 675 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the December 2012 Quarterly report, 615 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the March 2013 Quarterly report, 555 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the June 2013 Quarterly report, 492 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the September 2013 Quarterly report, 428 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the December 2013 Quarterly report, 368 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the March 2014 Quarterly report, 308 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the June 2014 Quarterly report, 245 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the September 2014 Quarterly report, 181 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty, the December 2014 Quarterly report, 120 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty and the March 2015 Quarterly report, 60 days late resulting in a \$5,000 civil penalty. The total civil penalty assessment is \$80,000.

Paul Moore, the Chairman of the Committee, John Haines, the Treasurer of the Committee and their attorney John Wolters appeared at the January 28<sup>th</sup> appeal hearing.

Mr. Moore & Mr. Haines indicated they became new officers in 2014 and were handed boxes of financial documents from the back of a truck in no particular order. The Council did not have a committee and they were not aware of the possible requirements to file campaign disclosure reports with the Board. The Organization reported their financial activity to the Department of

Labor which they knew was required. There are 15 unions that make up the Trades Council and prior to 2010 only 10% of their funds went to support candidates, keeping them under the threshold to form a Committee with the Board. When the percentage of funds supporting candidates increased to 20% it put them over the threshold. Once they became aware of their filing requirements they came into compliance quickly. The bylaws were changed to form the PAC in June, 2015. Mr. Moore then came to the Board of Elections and filed the Statement of Organization followed by the rest of the required Quarterly reports a few days later. The Committee had no intention to ignore or avoid campaign disclosure laws, they were simply not aware of the requirements. Mr. Wolters requests the Board stay the fines for a period of two years as they have done in the past. He says the Committee is in compliance and will continue to comply with the disclosure process.

There is no reasonable process in which all unions could be notified by the Board regarding filing requirements. The Trades Council formed the PAC on its own accord to abide by the law and in effect was automatically penalized for compliance. I believe the delinquent filings were inadvertent, based on the statements made and consideration of the commitment demonstrated by the Respondent to comply. I recommend the appeal be denied and the assessed civil penalty of \$80,000 be imposed, but stayed as a first violation. Such recommendation is consistent with similar rulings in SBE v. Chicagoland Apartment Association PAC (06 MA 001), SBE v. Black Illinois Legislative Lobby (06 MA 002), SBE v. Indian Prairie Education Assn PAC for Education (08 MA 009), and SBE v. Local Union 792 Political Action Fund (11 MA 087).

(As of 12/31/15, this Committee reported a funds available balance of \$8,720.25.)

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Kim Patrick – Hearing Officer

February 1, 2016

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State of Illinois )  
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County of Sangamon )

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF; )  
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, )  
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Complainant )  
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Case No. 13MA123

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

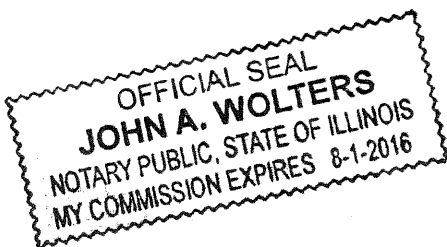
I, Paul Moore, the Chairman of the  
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)

Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council PAC

(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

Mitigating circumstances.



Signed and Sworn to by:

before me this 3 Day of  
December, 2015  
John A. Wolters  
Notary Public

Paul Moore  
(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)



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November 18, 2015

Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council PAC ID# 31660

Joseph Paul Moore

PO Box 3146

Springfield, IL 62708

7015 1730 0002 1035 1758

Dear Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council PAC:

This letter is to inform you that this committee failed to file its D-1 Statement of Organization during the requisite filing period.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-3 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received by the Board on July 2, 2015, 958 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type: September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures  
Report Period: July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011  
Filing Period: October 1, 2011 through October 15, 2011

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b) of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received by the Board on July 9, 2015, 922 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type: December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011  
Filing Period: January 1, 2012 through January 15, 2012

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 862 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type: March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012  
Filing Period: April 1, 2012 through April 15, 2012

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 801 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

- 4 Report Type: June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012  
Filing Period: July 1, 2012 through July 15, 2012

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 738 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

- 5 Report Type: September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012  
Filing Period: October 1, 2012 through October 15, 2012

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 675 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

- 6 Report Type: December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012  
Filing Period: January 1, 2013 through January 15, 2013

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 615 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

- 7 Report Type: March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013  
Filing Period: April 1, 2013 through April 15, 2013

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 555 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

8 Report Type: June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013  
Filing Period: July 1, 2013 through July 15, 2013

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 492 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

9  
Report Type: September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013  
Filing Period: October 1, 2013 through October 15, 2013

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 428 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

10  
Report Type: December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013  
Filing Period: January 1, 2014 through January 15, 2014

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 368 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

11  
Report Type: March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014  
Filing Period: April 1, 2014 through April 15, 2014

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 308 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

12  
Report Type: June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014  
Filing Period: July 1, 2014 through July 15, 2014

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 245 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

13  
Report Type: September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014  
Filing Period: October 1, 2014 through October 15, 2014

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 181 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

14  
Report Type: December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014  
Filing Period: January 1, 2015 through January 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 120 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

15  
Report Type: March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures  
Report Period: January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015  
Filing Period: April 1, 2015 through April 15, 2015

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on July 10, 2015, 60 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of \$5000.00.

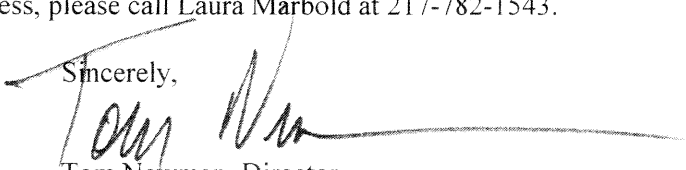
**The total for all new assessments is \$80,000.00.**

Enclosed, please find Section 125.425 *Civil Penalty Assessments* and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. **Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal by December 18, 2015 you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.**

If you do not appeal this assessment, you must pay your fine within 30 days of the Final Board Order. However, you may also elect to pay the fine at this time. You may mail or deliver payments to the State Board of Elections, Attn: Campaign Disclosure, 2329 S MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please call Laura Marbold at 217-782-1543.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Newman, Director  
Campaign Disclosure Division

SS: lm

Enclosures: appeal packet

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
2329 S. MacArthur Blvd  
Springfield, Illinois 62708  
217/782-4141**

**Tom Newman**

**Director, Campaign Disclosure Division**

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To: Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director, Members of the Board

Re: Payment of Civil Penalty Assessments - Informational

Date: March 2, 2016

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The following committees have made payment of outstanding civil penalties for the period 2/05/2016 - 3/02/2016

- Citizens to Elect Mike Formento - \$125.00 (\$2.94 credit card fee)
- Committee to Elect Jack Lehayne - \$75.00
- Friends of Mike Carberry - \$1500.00
- Citizens for Classrooms Plainfield School - \$972.91
- Friends of A.J. Wilhelmi - \$1000.00
- Citizens for Vazquez - \$4450.00

**TOTAL : \$8,122.91**

**Monthly Total:**

1/1/16 to 2/4/16: \$42,670.82

2/5/16 to 3/2/16: \$8,122.91

**Year to Date Total: \$50,793.73**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ken Menzel  
**FROM:** Heather Kimmons  
**DATE:** 3-2-16  
**RE:** Amendments to Administrative Rules, Parts 201 and 202

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Ken,

As you are aware, it has become necessary to make a few changes to our Administrative Rules to reflect the recent closure of our post office box. The affected rules are those parts/sections pertaining the filing of nomination petitions (Parts 201 and 202). In reviewing those parts, we identified a few other housekeeping matters which we would like to address (address updates, outdated and unnecessary sections). We also thought that as long as we are amending, we might clarify that no filings are accepted after 5:00 pm.

We've had some preliminary discussions with JCAR, and it appears that the proposed amendments will be well-received. Accordingly, we would like to ask the Board's permission to proceed with the process of making these proposed amendments (attached).

*Heather*

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CHAPTER I: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

PART 201

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY AND  
~~INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE~~ NOMINATING PETITIONS

Section

- 201.10 Filing Times at the Office of the State Board of Elections  
201.20 Determination of Nominating Petition's Official Time of Filing  
201.30 Filing Times for Objections and Withdrawals  
201.40 Simultaneous Filings for the Same Office – Lottery

AUTHORITY: Implementing Articles 7, 8 and 10 of the Election Code [10 ILCS 5/Arts. 7, 8 and 10] and authorized by Section 1A-8(9) of the Election Code [10 ILCS 5/1A-8(9)].

SOURCE: Adopted at 2 Ill. Reg. 25, p. 70, effective July 3, 1978; amended at 5 Ill. Reg. 14140, effective December 4, 1981; codified at 6 Ill. Reg. 7213; emergency amendment at 8 Ill. Reg. 24311, effective November 29, 1984, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 6343, effective April 3, 2006, amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 2836, effective January 25, 2016, amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 201.10 Filing Times at the Office of the State Board of Elections**

- a) ~~Petitions for nomination to public office, including independent candidate petitions, and a~~ All petitions for nomination to political party office required by law to be filed with the State Board of Elections relating to offices to be filled or for which party nominations are to be made at the general Primary Election, shall be filed at the principal office of the State Board of Elections at 2329 S. Macarthur Boulevard, 4020 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
- b) During the statutory filing period, petitions will be received at the principal office of the State Board of Elections from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No nominating petitions will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 201.20 Determination of Nominating Petition's Official Time of Filing**

All nominating petitions received in the office of the State Board of Elections shall be deemed to

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have been filed in the following order:

- a) Petitions received in the first regular mail delivery on the ~~by mail after 12:00 midnight and on hand at the opening of the office at 8:00 a.m., Monday,~~ first day of filing, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. that date;
- b) All petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m.; ~~Monday,~~ on the first day of filing, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. that date;
- c) Petitions filed in the office of the State Board of Elections thereafter shall be deemed to be filed as of the time they are actually received by the State Board of Elections.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 201.30 Filing Times for Objections and Withdrawals**

- a) Objections to or withdrawals of nominating petitions filed with the State Board of Elections shall be received either in the principal office of the State Board of Elections in Springfield or at the permanent branch office ~~at 100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60602, at 100 West Randolph, Suite 14-100, Chicago, Illinois 60601~~ within five days after the last day of the statutory period during which such petitions for nomination shall be filed.
- b) During the statutory period wherein objections and withdrawals shall be filed, objections and withdrawals will be received at the offices of the State Board of Elections from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No objections or withdrawals will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 201.40 Simultaneous Filings for the Same Office – Lottery**

Simultaneous filings of candidate nominating petitions for the same office occur only at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing. The lottery system to be used by the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or the local election official to break ties resulting from such simultaneous filings must be approved by the State Board of Elections. The following system has been so approved:

- a) The names of all candidates who filed simultaneously for the same office shall be



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listed alphabetically and shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one which shall be assigned to the candidate whose name is listed first on the alphabetical list; provided, however, that candidates filing a group petition for the same office shall be treated as one in the alphabetical listing using the name of the first candidate for such office to appear on the petitions as the name to be included in the alphabetical list. For example, if five candidates by the name of Downs, Brown, Edwards, Cook and Adams have filed simultaneously, they will be arranged alphabetically and assigned numbers as follows: Adams, one; Brown, two; Cook, three; Downs, four; and Edwards, five. However, if Cook and Adams filed a group petition and Cook's name appeared first on the petition, then the candidates would be arranged as follows: Brown, one; Cook and Adams, two; Downs, three; and Edwards, four.

- b) All ties will be broken by a single drawing. A number shall be placed in a container representing each number assigned to each candidate and group of candidates pursuant to the alphabetical listing procedure set forth in paragraph (a) above. For example, if the largest number to be used for any office is five, then numbers one, two, three, four and five will be placed in a container. In this manner, sufficient numbers will be placed in the container to conduct a drawing for all offices at the same time.
- c) After the numbers are placed in the container they shall be drawn one at a time from the container after they have been thoroughly shaken and mixed. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on an alphabetical list corresponding to the first number drawn shall be certified ahead of the other candidates listed on the alphabetical list. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on the alphabetical list corresponding to the second number drawn will be certified second and so forth until all numbers have been drawn. For example, where no group petitions were filed, if candidates Adams, Brown, Cook, Downs and Edwards filed simultaneously at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing, and the number three is the first drawn, then candidate Cook, who is listed in the third position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified first on the ballot. If the number one is drawn second, then candidate Adams, who is listed in the first position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified second on the ballot . . . and so on. For offices where group petitions were filed, using the example set forth above where candidates Cook and Adams file a group petition for the same office, and Cook's name appears first on the petition, and number three is drawn first, then candidate Downs would be listed first. If the number two is drawn second, then candidates Cook and Adams would be certified second and third, respectively. If the number four is drawn third, then candidate Edwards would be

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certified fourth . . . and so on. In districts with fewer names on the alphabetical list than are in the drawing, then all numbers in excess of the number of candidates or group of candidates that appear on the particular alphabetical list shall be disregarded. Thus, if five numbers are placed in the container, and only four candidates or groups of candidates are on a particular list, then the number five shall be disregarded. For example, if candidates Adams and Cook, filing separate petitions, are the only candidates listed on the alphabetical list and five numbers are chosen in the following order, 3, 5, 4, 2 and 1, then candidate Cook's name will appear in the certification prior to the name of candidate Adams.

~~d) — No nominating petitions will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.~~

de) All candidates shall be certified in the order in which petitions have been filed with the State Board of Elections, election authority or the local election official. In cases where candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be certified (in the order determined by the lottery procedure outlined above) prior to candidates who filed for the same office who filed their petitions at a later time, except in those situations where the law requires rotation on a district-by-district basis.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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TITLE 26: ELECTIONS

CHAPTER I: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

PART 202

NEW POLITICAL PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE  
NOMINATING PETITIONS

Section

- 202.10 Filing Times at the Office of the State Board of Elections  
202.20 Determination of Nominating Petition's Official Time of Filing  
202.30 Filing Times for Objections and Withdrawals  
202.40 Simultaneous Filings for the Same Office – Lottery  
202.50 Nominating Petitions Filed with County Clerks (Repealed)

AUTHORITY: Implementing Article 10 of the Election Code [10 ILCS 5/Art. 10] and authorized by Section 1A-8(9) of the Election Code [10 ILCS 5/1A-8(9)].

SOURCE: Adopted at 2 Ill. Reg. 25, p. 70, effective July 3, 1978; amended at 5 Ill. Reg. 14144, effective December 4, 1981; codified at 6 Ill. Reg. 7214; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 6347, effective April 3, 2006, amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 2841, effective January 25, 2016, amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 202.10 Filing Times at the Office of the State Board of Elections**

- a) All new political party petitions for the formation of such party and for the nomination of candidates to public office, and all independent candidate petitions, with regard to all General Elections to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years, shall be filed at the principal office of the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. Macarthur Boulevard, ~~1020 South Spring Street~~, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
- b) During the statutory filing period, petitions will be received at the principal office of the State Board of Elections from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No nominating petitions will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 202.20 Determination of Nominating Petition's Official Time of Filing**

Such petitions for nomination, when received in the principal office of the State Board of

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Elections, shall be deemed to have been filed in the following order:

- a) Petitions received in the first regular mail delivery ~~by mail after 12:00 midnight and on hand at the opening of the office at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, 1978,~~ shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. that date;
- b) All petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing, Monday, July 31, 1978, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. that date;
- c) Petitions either received in the mail or filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections thereafter shall be deemed filed as of the time they are actually received by the State Board of Elections.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 202.30 Filing Times for Objections and Withdrawals**

- a) Objections to or withdrawals of the new political party or independent candidate petitions filed with the State Board of Elections shall be received either in the principal office of the State Board of Elections in Springfield or at the permanent branch office at 100 West Randolph, Suite 14-100, Chicago, Illinois 60601 within five business days after the last day of the statutory period during which new political party petitions for formation and nomination of candidates shall be filed.
- b) During the statutory period wherein objections and withdrawals shall be filed, objections and withdrawals will be received at the offices of the State Board of Elections from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No objections or withdrawals will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 202.50 Nominating Petitions Filed with the County Clerks (Repealed)**

- a) ~~All new political party petitions for formation and nomination of candidates to public office for legislative, congressional or judicial districts or circuits entirely contained within a single county, with regard to the General Election to be held on November 7, 1978, shall be filed with the appropriate county clerk.~~
- b) ~~To satisfy the requirements of Section 10-14 of the Election Code, within 5 days after the last day for filing objections to or withdrawals of the abovementioned~~

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~~petitions, all county clerks shall notify and forward to the State Board of Elections  
a copy of all new political party petitions which have been filed with the county  
clerk and are to appear on the November 7, 1978, General Election Ballot.~~

(Source: Repealed at 40 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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*From the desk of.... Kyle Thomas*  
*Director of Voting and Registration Systems*  
*Phone: 217-782-1590*  
*Email: kthomas@elections.il.gov*

**To:** Steven S. Sandvoss; Executive Director

**Re:** General Primary 2016 Tabulation Pre-Testing Report

**Date:** March 3, 2016

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the staff of the Voting and Registration Systems (VRS) Division conducted pre-election tabulation system testing for Greene County and their GBS supported GEMS 1.18.24 voting system. Gary Ingelson, a representative from their vendor, was present and assisted in setup and report generation. Greene County is utilizing the AccuVote-OS (optical scan) version 1.96.6c and the AccuVote TSX direct recording device (DRE) version 4.6.4 for their 22 precincts. In all, 3,358 ballots were cast with 1,713 in Election Day mode and 1,645 in Early Voting mode. Staff encountered no errors but did note that their system was not set to provide undervote notification for the Comptroller's race (the AccuVote-OS is capable of providing undervote notifications for all or none of the offices). The jurisdiction was informed of the requirement for Constitutional Office undervote notification.

VRS staff and I were joined by a member of the Election Operations Division for pre-election testing in Christian County on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Christian County also utilizes the GEMS 1.18.24 voting system. Their vendor is Liberty Systems, LLC, represented by Ken Gibson and his staff. A total of 3,412 ballots were run through a combination of their AccuVote-OS version 1.96.6c and AccuVote-TSX version 4.6.4 across 30 precincts. No tabulation errors were found however two OS machines were swapped out with different machines during the test due to jammed ballots. These were recommended for servicing before being deployed. Also, a few TSX's encountered calibration issues. These were calibrated on the spot and testing resumed.

In order to accommodate Montgomery County's space needs, VRS staff began creating ballots with their AutoMark, version 1.3.2907, marking devices on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Those were merged with the remaining ballots for the test on February 29<sup>th</sup>, where VRS staff was once again joined by a member of the Election Operations Division. Montgomery County utilizes the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) Unity 3.4.1.1 voting system. Ballots were tabulated with their M100 version 5.4.4.5 optical scan devices and totaled 4,758 ballots cast across 39 precincts. No tabulation errors were encountered, however staff discovered that the AutoMark marking devices were programmed incorrectly. As such, no "Presidential Preference" was indicated on the style with Republican Delegates. This deficiency was brought forth, the Election Authority made the proper correction, and VRS staff confirmed the correction.

The pre-election testing for Jersey County began on March 1<sup>st</sup>. VRS staff and a member of the Election Operations Division performed the test on their ES&S provided Unity 3.4.1.1 voting system. Jersey County utilizes two different tabulation devices, the DS200 version 1.7.1.0 digital scanner and the M100 version 5.4.4.5 optical scanner. They also made available the AutoMark version 1.3.2907 ballot marking device. This test contained a total of 1,448 ballots cast across 25 precincts. No tabulation errors or machine errors were encountered.

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioner's tabulation system pre-election testing was conducted in conjunction with their own system pre-testing. Their pre-test is conducted across all 2,069 precincts. VRS staff reviewed the ballot tabulation of all precincts and was onsite each of the 12 days the test was conducted. Staff provided additional marked ballots in order to modify results for two precincts in each of the 50 wards resulting in our own pre-determined configurations for 100 precincts. Our portion of the test contained 6,279 ballots cast, run over the entire period beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> and ending March 1<sup>st</sup>. This testing was conducted at their warehouse on the Dominion provided WinEDS 4.0 tabulation system utilizing the Insight version 3.0.4 optical scan tabulator, Edge2Plus version 1.2.77 DRE, and the HAAT (Hybrid Activator, Accumulator, and Transmitter) version 2.6.39. Staff are still reviewing the reports and I will have a more detailed analysis to present to the Board at its meeting.

# Election Judge Training

## 2016 GP

Date	Jurisdiction and Zone	Schools	Presenter(s)	Attendance
1/4/2016	CITY OF AURORA (4)	2	Zilm	62
1/5/2016	CITY OF AURORA (4)	1	Zilm	19
1/19/2016	McLEAN (3)	2	Sims	47
1/19/2016	ST. CLAIR (1)	3	Zilm	193
1/20/2016	ST. CLAIR (1)	3	Zilm	169
1/20/2016	McLEAN (3)	1	Sims	17
1/21/2016	ST. CLAIR (1)	2	Zilm	119
1/28/2016	KENDALL (4)	2	Sims	281
2/2/2016	BOONE (4)	2	Davis	124
2/2/2016	HAMILTON (1)	2	Zilm	77
2/3/2016	BROWN (2)	2	Kelly	43
2/3/2016	HARDIN (1)	1	Zilm	34
2/3/2016	POPE (1)	1	Zilm	24
2/4/2016	SALINE (1)	3	Zilm	109
2/8/2016	WABASH (1)	1	Sims	57
2/9/2016	CRAWFORD (1)	2	Sims	102
2/9/2016	COLES (3)	3	Kelly	157
2/10/2016	RICHLAND (1)	2	Sims	80
2/11/2016	HENDERSON (2)	2	Zilm	54
2/11/2016	CASS (2)	2	Davis	63
2/11/2016	LAWRENCE (1)	2	Sims	104
2/16/2016	RANDOLPH (1)	2	Sims	146
2/17/2016	WAYNE (1)	2	Sims	99
2/17/2016	CALHOUN (2)	2	Zilm	32
2/18/2016	VERMILION (3)	3	Davis	186
2/18/2016	FAYETTE (1)	2	Sims	148
2/18/2016	CITY OF GALESBURG (2)	3	Kelly	125



Date	Jurisdiction and Zone	Schools	Presenter(s)	Attendance
2/22/2016	FRANKLIN (1)	2	Sims	97
2/22/2016	MARION (1)	1	Davis	42
2/23/2016	FRANKLIN (1)	1	Sims	31
2/23/2016	MARION (1)	2	Davis	62
2/23/2016	JERSEY (2)	3	Zilm	89
2/24/2016	JACKSON (1)	2	Sims	72
2/24/2016	MORGAN (2)	3	Kelly	142
2/25/2016	JACKSON (1)	2	Sims	98
2/25/2016	MORGAN (2)	1	Kelly	21
2/29/2016	MENARD (2)	2	Kelly	65
2/29/2016	CHRISTIAN (3)	2	Sims	0
3/1/2016	EDWARDS (1)	2	Sims	0
3/1/2016	PIATT (3)	2	Zilm	0
3/1/2016	EFFINGHAM (1)	3	Davis	0
3/2/2016	MONTGOMERY (2)	4	Kelly	0
3/3/2016	PIKE (2)	2	Kelly	0
3/3/2016	IROQUOIS (3)	3	Davis	0
3/3/2016	MARSHALL (3)	2	Zilm	0
3/4/2016	CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS (1)	2	Zilm	0
3/4/2016	IROQUOIS (3)	1	Davis	0
3/7/2016	UNION (1)	2	Sims	0
3/8/2016	WILLIAMSON (1)	3	Sims	0
3/8/2016	GREENE (2)	3	Zilm	0
3/10/2016	ADAMS (2)	2	Zilm	0
3/10/2016	ALEXANDER (1)	2	Davis	0



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**To:** Chairman Scholz  
Vice Chairman Gowen  
Members of the Board

**Re:** Constitutional Amendment Petition Filing

**Date:** March 2, 2016

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In anticipation of the filing of a Constitutional Amendment petition, staff has put together a draft of proposed Rules of Procedure for processing same. In addition, a timeline of relevant events related to the filing is also included with this memo. Staff will be present at the meeting to discuss this and address any questions Members may have.

# **Procedures to Process a Petition to Place a Constitutional Amendment on the Ballot**

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## **I. Definitions**

**Amendment Petition** (or Petition): The petition being supported by the ballot initiative committee “Support Independent Maps” to develop and support the passage of a ballot initiative to amend Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Illinois to provide for an independent commission to redistrict legislative districts and representative districts.

**Proponents:** Any person, association, committee, organization or other group, or their designated representatives, who advocate and cause the circulation and filing of petitions for a proposed Constitutional amendment for submission at the November 8, 2016 General Election and who has registered in writing with the State Board of Elections.

**Opponents:** Any person, association, committee, organization or other group, or their designated representatives, who oppose a proposed Constitutional amendment for submission at the November 8, 2016 General Election and who has registered in writing with the State Board of Elections.

**SBE:** The Illinois State Board of Elections, including its staff

**SOS:** Representatives of the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office

**IVRS System:** Illinois Voter Registration System. This was created to satisfy the Help America Vote Act requirement that each State establish and maintain a Statewide Voter Registration Database of all registered voters within the State. This system will be used as the primary voter registration resource to establish the projected number of valid signatures on the petition. For purposes of processing the Petition, this database will include all combinations of voter name and address that existed in the IVRS system during the circulation period.

**Eligible Signature:** A signature of a person with a corresponding address that has been determined by the SBE to be eligible for inclusion in the pool of signatures from which the random sample will be drawn.

**Eligible Signature Determination:** The process by which the SBE examines each signature on a given petition page, and makes a determination based on criteria set forth in these procedures as to whether such signature should be included or not included in the pool of signatures from which the Random Sample of signatures will be selected.

**Signature Verification Examination** (aka, “Examination): The process by which the SBE examines the signatures selected by the random sample program to determine if they are valid or invalid. In general, to be valid a signature must be genuine, must be that of the person whose name appears on the Petition and must be that of the person registered at the address shown on said Petition.

**Random Sample:** The 10% of the total number of valid signatures on the petition (divided into two 5% samples) that have been chosen by the computer program for validation, thereby establishing whether the projected number of signatures is sufficient to qualify the Petition for the ballot.

**Signature Rehabilitation Hearing:** The evidentiary hearing conducted by the Board appointed Hearing Examiner to accept and hear evidence from the Proponents of the Petition that is introduced to prove that the SBE finding that either the Petition signer was not registered from the address listed on the Petition and/or the finding that the Petition signers' signature was not genuine, was in error.

**Petition Statistical Analysis (PETSA) System:** Statistical formula program designed by the SBE Information Technology Division. This program uses the formulas provided by the UIS Research team to develop a program for the proper conduct of each phase of the validation process of a Petition (See definition of "Amendment Petition", above).

## **II. Filing (The following paragraph describes the anticipated procedures of the Secretary of State.)**

The Secretary of State's (SOS) office has agreed to have employees present at the SBE's Springfield office on the day of filing for purposes of accepting the Amendment Petition. (The Proponents have assured the SBE that they will provide advance notice of the intended filing date.) Upon presentation of the Petition by the Proponents, representatives of the SOS will officially accept the petition and affix a stamp, or similar marking, upon the Petition indicating that the Petition has been duly received by the SOS. The SOS will likely have its own procedures for acceptance, and the SBE will defer to SOS regarding its responsibilities in terms of the Petition filing.

Upon completion of the acceptance procedures by the SOS, the SBE will accept the Petition from the SOS and proceed to date/time stamp the first and last page of each volume of the Petition. A receipt will be issued to the Proponents who filed the Petition. (See Appendix A.)

Once the Petition has been accepted and date/time stamped by the SBE, it will be photographed in such a way that the appearance and condition of the petition will be sufficiently recorded by photographic evidence. Upon completion of the photographing, the Petition will be placed in the designated secure storage location within the SBE's Springfield office to await the page inventory phase.

## **III. Page Inventory**

Once the Petition has been time/date stamped and photographed, each page of the Petition (regardless of how it is bound) will be physically counted to determine the total number of pages.

A log will be created listing the total number of pages, including those that have no page number or pages that are numbered incorrectly, and including the page number SBE staff assigns. (See Appendix B.)

The SBE will inventory the Petition pages to determine the total number of pages, then multiply the total number of pages by the number of available lines per page to find the maximum number of possible signatures, assuming all available lines contain presumptively valid signatures. If the maximum possible number of signatures is less than the statutory minimum needed to appear on the ballot, the Petition is invalid and no further processing is required. If such number is greater than the minimum number needed to appear on the ballot, the SBE will proceed to Step IV below.

### **Missing page numbers and mis-numbered pages**

For any page with a missing page number, a small, nonpermanent sticker containing a page number will be affixed to the Petition page by SBE staff. This is necessary to find the page should a signature on that page be sampled and require validation. If the “proper” page number can be determined, that number will be used. For example, a page with no page number located between pages 3 and 5 would be numbered as Page 4. Otherwise, a decimal portion will be used to number the page; for example, page 3.1 would follow page 3. In addition, if there are signatures with corresponding addresses appearing on the back side of a Petition page, that back page will also be given a similar decimal portion designating that “page” as illustrated in the example above. Once inventoried, the Petition volumes will be organized in batches of approximately 1000 based on page number. (The final batch need not contain exactly 1000 pages.)

### **Photocopied or blank pages**

Pages that are completely blank, that is, ones that have no signatures or addresses either on the front or back; will not be counted as a page during the page inventory phase. In addition, Petition pages that are clearly a photocopy of an original Petition page will not be counted.

## **IV. Scanning**

The next phase of the processing of the Petition will be to scan the individual pages. The Petition, or each volume thereof will be disassembled from its binding so that each page can be fed into the scanning machine. Once scanned, the original pages will be reassembled into bound sections or volumes, which will be placed in large banker boxes, and stored in a secure location within the SBE Springfield office. The scanned images will be organized into file folders on SBE’s servers consisting of approximately 100 scanned images per folder. Such images will be used to transmit copies to the SBE Chicago Office for their use in the signature verification phase. In addition, scanned copies will be available by request.

## **V. Determining the Eligible Signature Lines**

Once the Petition has been scanned in its entirety, the SBE will examine each line of the Petition that purports to contain a signature of a person (as opposed to a blank line) and make a determination if such signature is eligible for inclusion in the pool of signatures from which the

Random Sample will be drawn. This will be done by use of a computer program that will allow the SBE to record each line of each page and the program will compute the total number of eligible signatures and produce a pool of such signatures sorted by page and line number from which the Random Sample will be drawn. To be eligible, a signature must at a minimum contain the voter's signature (printed or in cursive) and an address that is sufficiently complete for the SBE to check whether the person who signed is a registered voter from that address. The following scenarios will be evaluated and a determination by the SBE will be done as follows:

Signature* & Address Examples	Will Example Count as a Signature?
Signature and full address including street, city, county and State	Yes
Signature and street address not including city, county and/or State	Yes
Signature and P.O. Box address	Yes
Signature and ditto marks for address	Yes (Staff will consider address written on signature line above ditto marks to be the address of the signer)
Signature without address	No
Signer's address without signature	No
Signature that is stricken with initials	No
Signature that is stricken without initials	No (Staff will consider an affirmative mark, such as a line or scribble, over the signature and/or address to strike the signature)
Blank line	No

\* Signature includes names written in both cursive and printing

Signatures appearing on the back side of a Petition page will be considered for purposes of the determination of eligibility as if they had appeared on the front side of the page, and will be treated as described in the chart above. This consideration is not to be construed as a final determination of validity as to any of the signatures so located.

If there is a list or certificate of signature deletions attached to the Petition (or one or more of the bound volumes if filed in that manner), any signers contained on the page and line number(s) contained on such list or certificate shall not be considered for purposes of determining which signatures are eligible for inclusion in the pool of signatures from which the random sample will be drawn.

If the total number of eligible signatures is less than the statutory minimum number needed to appear on the ballot, the Petition will be deemed invalid and no further processing is required. If such number is greater than the number needed to appear on the ballot, the SBE will proceed to step VI below.

## **VI. Application of Random Sample Program**

Pursuant to Section 28-11 of the Election Code [10 ILCS 5/28-11], the SBE, through qualified statisticians/mathematicians employed by the University of Illinois at Springfield working under contract with the SBE, has designed a random sample signature verification program to determine the validity of the Amendment Petition.

The Random sample process is described as follows: The SBE will select a five percent random sample of signature lines. The SBE will examine each sampled signature to determine whether or not the signature is genuine and that of a registered voter (This is known as the Signature Verification Examination, or “Examination,” See Paragraph IX, below). Based on the results of this Examination, if the maximum number of signatures is less than the statutory requirement, the Petition is deemed invalid and no further processing is required. Using the results of the Examination described in the previous step, the SBE will next estimate the minimum and maximum number of signatures. If the minimum is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement, the Petition is deemed valid and no further processing is required. If the maximum is less than the statutory requirement, the Petition is deemed invalid and no further processing is required. If the maximum is greater than the statutory requirement, and the minimum is less than the statutory requirement, the result will be deemed ambiguous. If the results of the five percent sample are ambiguous, the SBE will select an additional five percent sample of signatures and validate each sample signature to determine whether or not the signature is genuine and that of a registered voter (See Paragraph IX, below). Combining the results of this Examination of sample signature lines in the second sample with the results from the first sample, the SBE will calculate the minimum and maximum number of signatures. If the minimum estimate is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement, the Petition is deemed valid. If the maximum estimate is less than the statutory requirement, the Petition is deemed invalid. If the maximum is greater than the statutory requirement, and the minimum is less than the statutory requirement, the Petition is deemed valid.

(See Appendix C for a more detailed description of the random sample program.)

## **VII. Proponent and Opponent Registration**

Within 3 business days following the last day for filing of the original Amendment Petition, the Proponents and Opponents shall certify in writing to the SBE that they publicly support or oppose the proposed Constitutional amendment. The Proponents and Opponents of such question(s) shall register the name and address of their organizations and the names and addresses of their chairmen and designated agents (or legal counsel) for acceptance of service of notices with the SBE and for any other communication. In addition, the Proponents and Opponents shall designate a principal watcher who will be responsible for overseeing the conduct of their watchers at the Signature Verification Examination (“Examination”). (See paragraph IX.) The Board has adopted a standard Proponents' and Opponents' watcher credential form which will be used during the Examination (See Appendix D and E.). The SBE shall issue such credentials to the permissible number of watchers for each Proponent and Opponent group; provided, however, that prior to the commencement of the Examination, a prospective watcher shall first present to the SBE a letter of



authorization signed by the chairman of the Proponent or Opponent organization he or she represents. The principal watcher may submit such letter and/or credentials on behalf of their watchers prior to the commencement of said Examination. In the event that more than one Opponent registers with the SBE and requests credentials to be represented during the Examination, the number of computer terminals to be used by SBE staff in a given location (either the Chicago or Springfield Offices of the SBE) shall be divided by the number of registered Opponents, who shall then be proportionally represented at a given examination.

Note: Proponents are, by definition, the group “who advocate and cause the circulation and filing of petitions for a proposed Constitutional amendment”, and are therefore one organization.

The rights and limitations of watchers shall be set forth in Paragraph IX below. The principal watcher for the Proponents and Opponents may make signed written objections to the Hearing Examiner appointed by the Board (See Paragraph VIII, Hearing Examiner, below) relating to procedures observed during the conduct of the Examination. To be considered by the Hearing Examiner, such procedures must reasonably be capable of materially affecting the results of the Random Sample.

### **VIII. Hearing Examiner**

In view of the time limitations and the amount of evidence that could be presented, the Board shall appoint a Hearing Examiner to have general supervision over the Examination and to conduct any evidentiary hearing(s) related to the signature rehabilitation process. Any hearing examiner so appointed shall be a licensed attorney at law in the State of Illinois and have experience in election law in general and specifically in the area of petition challenges. The Hearing Examiner shall have the duties and powers of the SBE as set forth in the most recent Rules of Procedure related to the petition objection process (i.e.: State Officers Electoral Board Rules of Procedure, 2016 General Primary Election) except that the Hearing Examiner shall not have the power to rule upon any motion which would be dispositive of the signature verification process or issue a final decision as to the validity of the Amendment Petition. In addition, any Hearing Examiner appointed by the Board is authorized and directed (a) to hold a full hearing and receive all evidence and argument, (b) to prepare a record of the hearing including a full transcript of court reporter stenographic notes of the proceedings (where the presence of a court reporter was determined necessary by the Hearing Examiner), (c) to prepare an outline of all the evidence, issues and argument, and such outline may be incorporated into the written recommendation, and (d) to prepare recommendations, and proposal for decision for submission to the SBE, the General Counsel and the Proponents/Opponents. The Board shall have the authority to appoint additional Hearing Examiners as necessary during the Examination and/or the signature rehabilitation process.

### **IX. Determining the Validity of Signatures**

To determine the validity of the signatures selected by the Random Sample Program, a Signature Verification Examination (“the Examination”) will be conducted by the SBE. The Examination shall take place in both the principal office of the SBE in Springfield (2329 S. MacArthur) and the permanent branch Office of the SBE in Chicago (100 W. Randolph, Ste. 14-100, James R. Thompson Center). Notice of same shall be provided by the SBE or by the Hearing Examiner. Requests for changing the schedule or location of the Examination will not be entertained. At the

Examination, staff assigned by the Board shall, in an orderly and expeditious manner, search for and examine the State Board of Elections' IVRS System for comparison to the names on the Amendment Petition that have been selected for examination pursuant to the Random Sample Program. The IVRS System will include all combinations of voter name and address that existed in the IVRS database during the circulation period. The SBE shall examine each signature and 1) determine if the person who signed the petition is a registered voter at the address corresponding to the person's signature and if so, 2) determine if the signature of the person who signed the petition reasonably compares with the signature shown on that person's voter registration record contained in the IVRS System. The SBE will use the following criteria to make the appropriate determination:

**Whether the Voter is Registered at Address Shown**

SBE will first determine whether the voter is registered by examining the address listed on the Petition and search that address in the IVRS System. If the voter's address on the petition cannot be located or does not show the voter's name as being registered at the address, the SBE will note this by checking the appropriate fields on their computer terminal. If the address is located and it does show the voter as being registered from the address, the SBE will note this and indicate the same by checking the appropriate fields on their computer terminal. The SBE will then proceed to the next step of the Examination; which is a determination of whether the signature appears genuine.

**Whether the Signature Appears Genuine**

The voter's signature as displayed on the IVRS System shall be examined and compared to the signature on the Petition. If the signature is ruled to be not genuine because staff opines that the signature on the petition does not appear to sufficiently match the signature on the IVRS System, the SBE will note this and indicate the same by checking the appropriate fields on their computer terminal. If the signature appears to be valid because it reasonably matches the signature on the IVRS System, the SBE will note this and indicate the same by checking the appropriate fields on their computer terminal. Printed signatures shall be examined as well as cursive signatures to determine whether, based on a comparison with the signature on the IVRS System, they appear genuine.

If a signature and the corresponding address are so illegible (and there is no printed name that can be used to identify the signer) that the SBE cannot locate the Petition signer, then that signature shall be deemed to be invalid. The Proponents may note this and shall be given an opportunity at the Signature Rehabilitation Hearing to present evidence to establish the signature's validity by showing that the person who signed the Petition meets the above two criteria.

The Proponents and Opponents shall each have the right to have designated and duly authorized representatives ("watchers"), including the party or the party's counsel, present during the Examination. No more than one watcher for each side may be assigned to any given computer terminal at which an examination is being conducted. The failure of a watcher to timely appear at the Examination shall not delay nor affect the validity of the Examination and the Examination shall proceed.

Watchers are to participate as observers only. The SBE shall not be required to solicit the opinion of any watcher as to any matter nor consider such opinions if offered. Arguing with the SBE or other abusive conduct will not be tolerated. By order of the General Counsel or his designee, a watcher may be ordered removed from the Examination proceedings for the conduct specified above and any other conduct that disrupts the orderly conduct of the Examination and if necessary, this provision will be enforced by appropriate law enforcement. In the event of such removal, the SBE will continue with the Examination in the absence of the removed watcher. The principal watcher may replace a removed watcher with another watcher; however the Examination will not be delayed by the absence of a replacement watcher.

The SBE shall note their determinations as to the validity of each signature by clicking on the appropriate boxes on the computer screen, which shall indicate 1) whether the signature is deemed valid or not valid and 2) if it is deemed not valid, the reason for the invalid determination. Results of the Examination shall be provided to the Proponents/Opponents following the completion of the Examination on a daily basis, but may not be so provided until the following day. Such results will consist of the page and line number of each signature selected pursuant to the Random Sample Program, and will indicate the SBE determination of validity as to each signature examined, along with the reasons for any non-valid determination made during the preceding day.

## **X. Signature Rehabilitation Hearing**

The Proponents will be given an opportunity to present all objections to staff findings properly made at the Examination, to the Board appointed Hearing Examiner at a Signature Rehabilitation Hearing. The Proponents bear the burden of producing evidence proving that the SBE finding was in error. Such evidence offered to refute the SBE finding must be submitted to the Hearing Examiner no later than 5 PM on the tenth business day following the date of the transmittal of the final results of the Examination, unless extended by the Board. Any objections by the Opponents to SBE staff determinations will be addressed only through the objection process governed by Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 and Section 28-4 of the Election Code. [10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 5/10-10.1 and 5/28-4]

Section 1A-25 of the Illinois Election Code prohibits viewers from printing any records viewed at the records examination and there is no provision requiring the SBE to print any such records for the benefit of any party. Accordingly, at no time will the SBE entertain any requests for printouts of records that were examined during the Examination conducted by the SBE except as otherwise ordered by the SBE or the Hearing Examiner. Lists of registered voters are available for purchase by political committees registered with the SBE, pursuant to Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Election Code. Note: Such records do not contain the signatures of the voters. In addition, records of individual voters can be obtained through the office of the election authority in whose jurisdiction the voter is registered. Check with the appropriate election authority as to obtaining such records, and the content of same.

## **XI. Miscellaneous Provisions**

Petition pages: Petition pages that are photocopies of what appear to be original petition pages shall not be counted for purposes of determining the total number of petition pages submitted and the number of eligible signatures for inclusion in the pool of signatures from which the random sample will be selected.

Signatures contained on the back side of a petition page shall be considered for purposes of the Eligible Signature Determination and if any of such signatures are selected for the Random Sample, they shall be examined in the same manner as signatures appearing on the front page of the Petition. This paragraph shall not be construed as a determination that such signatures are per se valid, as they may be challenged and ultimately determined to be invalid pursuant to the statutory objection process.

## **XII. Final Determination of Validity - Certification**

Upon completion of the Signature Verification Examination, and any subsequent Signature Rehabilitation Hearing, the Board shall meet and make a final determination as to the validity of the Amendment Petition. Such determination shall be based on the results of the Signature Eligibility Determination by the SBE, the results of the Signature Verification Examination, the determinations and recommendations of the Board appointed Hearing Examiner following the Signature Rehabilitation Hearing and the recommendation of the General Counsel. If the Board determines based on all the evidence above, that the Petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for placement on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot, the Board shall certify such Constitutional Amendment proposal for placement on said Ballot. If the Board determines that the Amendment Petition does not contain a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for placement on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot, the Board shall not certify such Constitutional Amendment proposal for placement on said Ballot.

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the following petition:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Statewide Constitutional Amendment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email Address

This petition is deemed filed with the Secretary of State at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, and received at the Springfield office of the State Board of Elections at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock (AM) (PM) on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(month, day, year)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brent Davis, Director  
Election Operations

Statewide Constitutional Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

# PETITION CONTROL LOG

PROOF/INVENTORY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROOF/INVENTORY INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION DISCREPENCIES:** List pages that are missing, blank pages with no signatures, and any pages that contain signatures on the back of a petition page. (Please mark petition page with sticker for any changes made to numbering.)

FIRST PAGE NUMBER OF VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_

LAST PAGE NUMBER OF VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_

ACTUAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURE PAGES: \_\_\_\_\_

SCAN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCAN INTITALS: \_\_\_\_\_ PROOF IN INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

VIEWING ACTIVITY:

Date:	Initials In	Initials Out

LOG TO REMAIN WITH THE ORIGINAL COPY OF PETITION

# PETITION SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

## Decision Matrix

### Count Pages

#### Process

Physically inventory pages to determine the total number of pages.

Multiply the total number of pages by the number of available lines per page to find the maximum possible signatures, assuming all available lines are filled with presumptively valid signatures.

Signature lines are not counted at this stage.

Result	Decision
A. The maximum possible is less than the statutory requirement.	A. The petition is <i>invalid</i> , no further processing is required.
B. The maximum possible is greater than the statutory requirement.	B. Proceed to entry of signature lines.

### Count Signature Lines

#### Process

Enter signature lines in the PETSA application.

Result	Decision
C. The count of signatures entered is less than the statutory requirement.	C. The petition is <i>invalid</i> , no further processing is required.
D. The count of signatures entered is greater than the statutory requirement.	D. Proceed to validation of signature lines.

### **Estimate Maximum Valid Signatures, Not Including the Impact of Multiple Signatures – UIS Team Step 2**

#### **Process**

Select random sample and validate sample signatures.

(The impact of multiple signatures is not included in this estimate.)

Result	Decision
E. The maximum, calculated at a 99% confidence level*, is less than the statutory requirement.	E. The petition is <i>invalid</i> , no further processing is required.
F. The maximum is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement.	F. Proceed to Steps 3 and 4, calculation of G2+ estimates that include the impact of multiple signatures.

### **Estimate Unique, Valid Signatures, 5% Sample – UIS Team Steps 3 and 4**

#### **Process**

Select random sample and validate 5% of the sample signatures.

(The impact of multiple signatures is included in this estimate.)



Result	Decision
G. The maximum, calculated at a 99.9% confidence level*, is less than the statutory requirement.	G. The petition is <i>invalid</i> , no further processing is required.
H. The minimum, calculated at a 95% confidence level*, is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement.	H. The petition is <i>valid</i> , no further processing is required.
I. The maximum is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement, and the minimum is less than the statutory requirement.	I. The result is ambiguous. Validation of the additional 5% sample is required.

### Estimate Unique, Valid Signatures, 10% Sample – UIS Team Step 5

#### Process

Validate the additional 5% sample (5% Plus)

(The impact of multiple signatures is included in this estimate)

Result	Decision
J. The minimum, calculated at a 95%* confidence level, is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement.	J. The petition is <i>valid</i> .
K. The maximum, calculated at a 99%* confidence level, is less than the statutory requirement.	K. The petition is <i>invalid</i> , no further processing is required.
L. The maximum is greater than or equal to the statutory requirement, and the minimum is less than the statutory requirement.	L. The petition is <i>valid</i> .

\*A point estimate is a single value that represents the best estimate of the total number of signatures based on the results of validation of the sample. The confidence level results in a confidence interval, or number of signatures to add to, in the case of the maximum, or deduct from, in the case of the minimum, the point estimate.

The higher the confidence desired, the greater the confidence interval. So an estimate of the maximum number of signatures using a 99.9% confidence level would result in a higher number of signatures than an estimate with 99% or 95% confidence. For the same reason, an estimate of the minimum using a 95% confidence would result in a higher estimate of the minimum number of signatures than would result from the calculation of the minimum at a 99% or 99.9% level.

In the use of statistical analysis to evaluate the petition, the goal is to avoid an incorrect decision, but especially avoid an incorrect decision that would declare a petition invalid when further analysis would find that the petition was valid. Hence the use of the higher confidence level (99% or 99.9%) to calculate the maximum, and a “lower” confidence level of 95% when calculating the minimum.

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### WATCHER CREDENTIALS

#### **“Support Independent Maps”**

#### **Petition Signature Verification Examination**

In accordance with the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/28-11 of the Illinois Election Code, and the Procedures adopted by the State Board of Elections pursuant thereto, the

undersigned hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ who  
(Name of Watcher)

resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city/village of  
(Address)

of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County,

State of Illinois, to act as a watcher in the “Support Independent Maps” random sample signature verification examination to be held at the Office of the State Board of Elections Chicago or Springfield Office, on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

(Date of Examination)

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(Signature of Chairman of Organization, Designated Agent, or Principal Watcher)

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(Name of Proponent/Opponent Organization)

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(Signature of Watcher)

## 2016 Timeline for Processing Statewide Question Petitions

All dates are based on the assumption that the petition would be filed on May 9, 2016. If it is filed prior to that date, this schedule would be shifted accordingly.

<b>Monday May 9</b>	Deadline for petition to be filed. Inventory will be conducted and completed (8-10 people). Petitions secured and locked in conference room.
<b>Tuesday May 10</b>	Begin scanning petitions – we anticipate 65,000 pages 8 scanners (12-16 people)
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	Scanning of petitions will be completed.
<b>Thursday May 12</b>	Data entry begins. All pages and lines with signatures must be entered into the PETSA computer program. (up to 12 people in Springfield and 4 in Chicago)
<b>Monday May 16</b>	Last day for proponents and opponents of the statewide question to register with the State Board of Elections.
<b>Wednesday May 18</b>	Data entry should be completed on this day.
<b>Thursday May 19</b>	Data entry cleanup. Staff will review any missing pages from the sample and verify that these are not data entry errors.
<b>Friday May 20</b>	Random sample will be generated. All parties are welcome to observe this process.
<b>Monday May 23</b>	Record exams begin for the random sample that has been selected. 12 terminals will be set up in Springfield and 6 will be set up in Chicago.
<b>Thursday June 2</b>	Anticipated date that record exams will be completed.
<b>Tuesday June 28</b>	Last day to file an objection against the petition when applying the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/10-8. (35 business days after the last day for filing)
<b>Friday July 8</b>	Last day to file an objection against the petition when applying the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/28-4. (42 business days after the petition is actually filed, assuming it would be filed on May 9, 2016)
<b>Friday August 26</b>	Last day for the SBE to certify the Constitutional amendment to the ballot.

# STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS



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**To:** Steven S. Sandvoss; Executive Director

**Re:** Senate Bill 172 Update

**Date:** March 2, 2016

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, we participated in a conference call that included representatives from the Secretary of State's (SOS) office, Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), PEW, and Illinois House staff. The purpose of the call was to update House staff on the progress of the ERIC portion of SB172. House staff clarified the intent of the legislation which resulted in us modifying the data sharing agreement originally proposed by the SOS. Several changes were made including the removal of ERIC as a participating party. The agreement was signed by requisite staff (SOS and SBE) on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Following a number of discussions between SBE, ERIC, and SOS, other documents (network security assessments, non-disclosure agreements, employee liability certifications, etc.) were completed and signed.

On February 29<sup>th</sup> (the deadline for SBE to submit voter data and SOS records to ERIC), the ERIC membership met to consider extending Illinois' deadline for submission of data. In light of the substantial progress made during the last week of February, the ERIC Board voted unanimously to grant a two-part extension. The SOS was allowed seven additional days to provide SBE with a data file in our required format. The deadline for SBE to submit voter registration and SOS records to ERIC was extended to March 31st.

SBE IT staff worked with both CMS and SOS network staffs to modify firewalls to allow secure data access to the SOS file. By the close of business on February 29<sup>th</sup>, SOS staff created a file on their FTP server. We immediately downloaded the file and following analysis, we discovered a few formatting issues with the data. Over the course of the next few days, we will be working with SOS IT to bring their file into compliance.

At their request, we met with the technical staff of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' (HFS) on February 19<sup>th</sup> to answer several questions related to the technical specifications for both the Electronic Agency Registrations and the ERIC project.

SBE legal staff has drafted an interagency data sharing agreement to facilitate the provision of ERIC data to the SBE. Once finalized, we will present all participating agencies with this document.

Start Date	End Date	Division	Activity
2 /29/2016		VRS	Last day for election authorities to submit request for extension to file registration information, for the Primary Election 2016. Rules and Regulations
2 /29/2016		VRS	Complete profile of pre-election Referenda. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 12)
3 /1 /2016		ELEC OP	Last day to have pollwatcher credential available for distribution
3 /4 /2016		VRS	Notify state central committee chairmen of the time and place of SBE's for the election jurisdictions' 5% re-tabulation of precincts. 10 ILCS 5/24B-15 and 5/24C-15
3 /4 /2016		VRS	Date those jurisdictions utilizing in-precinct counting equipment must submit that will be open for the election. 10 ILCS 5/24B-15, 24C-15
3 /4 /2016		VRS	Notify state central committee chairmen of the time and place of SBE's for the election jurisdiction's 5% re-tabulation of early voting equipment. 10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 5/24B-15, 5/24C-15
3 /8 /2016		VRS	Send verification letter to election authorities to confirm the precinct data for their 5% retabulation. 10 ILCS 5/24B-15,24C-15
3 /8 /2016		VRS	Last day for election authority to notify public of time, date, and place of Primary. 10 ILCS 5/24B-9
3 /11/2016		VRS	Last day to conduct SBE tests of automatic tabulating equipment. 10 ILCS 5/24B-9
3 /14/2016		CAMP DISC	Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a committee participating in the general primary election, must be reported following its receipt. 10 ILCS 5/9-10(c).
3 /14/2016		CAMP DISC	Last day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more by a committee must be reported electronically within five business days after expenditure. 10 ILCS 5/9-10(e).
3 /14/2016		ELEC OP	Last day for early voting at the office of the Election Authority and local Election Authority. 10 ILCS 5/19A-15

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3 /14/2016		VRS	Last day for election authorities to send a sealed copy of each tested program to the State Board of Elections. The SBE secures the programs for the March Election. 10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24C-9
3 /15/2016		CAMP DISC	The last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees to file their Statement of Organization of their obligation to file the 2016 MARCH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES. 10 ILCS 5/9-10, 9-15
3 /15/2016		ELEC OP	GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION.
3 /15/2016		ELEC OP	Last day of grace period registration, change of address and voting. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1,2,6,11)
3 /15/2016		ELEC OP	Begin compiling PARTY OFFICIALS INFORMATION by county. Upon completion, post on general public on disc and post completed listing on our website. Complete by 5/1A-8 (1,2,6,11)
3 /16/2016		VRS	Provide the election authorities in those jurisdictions where in-precinct voting is used a list of the precincts selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. 10 ILCS 5/24B-15, 24C-15
3 /17/2016		VRS	Destroy the sealed program or programs from the previous election of the March Election. 10 ILCS 5/24B-9
3 /21/2016		ELEC OP	Send notice to current county party chairmen reminding them of their obligation to file the SBE with a list of their PRECINCT OFFICIALS. Their statutory deadline is 10 days after their county convention) 10 ILCS 5/7-9
3 /21/2016		EXEC DIR	BOARD MEETING. 10 ILCS 5/1A7, 22-7
3 /22/2016		VRS	Begin review of computer operator's logs for the performance of automated systems used in the General Primary Election. (Rules and Regulations)
3 /25/2016		LEG	Committee Deadline Final day for SENATE committee action on SENATE bills. (Senate Rule) Final day for HOUSE committee action on HOUSE bills. (House Rule)
3 /29/2016		ELEC OP	Begin canvass as soon as abstracts are received from county clerks. (Canvass depends on how soon abstracts are received from county clerks.) 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 6, 11)

Start Date	End Date	Division	Activity
3 /29/2016		LEG	Last day for local election authorities to count vote by mail, military & overseas ballots postmarked by Election Day, March 15, 2016. 10 ILCS 5/19-8(c), 20-8(c )
3 /29/2016		VRS	Send notice to election authorities who failed to submit a computerized voter registration Primary Election 2016. Rules and Regulations
3 /29/2016		VRS	Send to each election authority a current computerized voter registration Primary Election 2016 submission.
4 /1 /2016		CAMP DISC	First day that any political committee shall file its 2016 MARCH QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES with the Board. 10 ILCS 5/9-10.
4 /1 /2016		ELEC OP	Begin development of OPTICAL SCAN MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING TO LEGAL: 7/31/16 Target Completion date: 10/1/16 Early start date: 4/1/16 conflicts with other agency projects
4 /1 /2016		VRS	Last day for election authority to notify public of time, date, and place of Primary. 10 ILCS 5/24B-15
85 4 /4 /2016		VRS	Send notification reminder to election officials who failed to submit the required analogous information. 10 ILCS 5/24A-13, 24B-13, 24C-14 (Rules and Regulations)
4 /5 /2016		ELEC OP	Secure from each election authority a copy of precinct voting abstracts for the Primary Election for filing in the SBE Research Library. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (11), 22-15
4 /5 /2016		ELEC OP	Last day for canvassing of election results (March 15th Primary Election) for boards. (Exception: SBE as canvassing board) 10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)
4 /5 /2016		LEG	Link report due from LEO's to SBE 10 ILCS5/19-20, 20-20
4 /14/2016		VRS	The Board will refer to the Attorney General of Illinois for compliance enforcement of those whose computerized voter registration submission has not been received by the 2016 submission.
4 /15/2016		CAMP DISC	Last day that a political committee shall file its 2016 MARCH QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES with the Board. 10 ILCS 5/9-10.



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4 /15/2016		ELEC OP	Complete CANVASS. Completion date depends on how soon abstracts clerks. Generate material for the "List of Candidates Elected and Nominated by Vote" publication. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8(1, 2, 6, 11); 18A-15(a)
4 /15/2016		ELEC OP	Begin preparing the Certificates of Nomination and Election. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2) 5/7-58
4 /15/2016		EXEC DIR	BOARD MEETING. (Proclamation) 10 ILCS 5/1A7
4 /15/2016		LEG	Post election survey due from the LEO's to the SBE.
4 /22/2016		CAMP DISC	Distribute campaign financing materials and notices to all newly elected central committee chairmen, and ward and township committeemen. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1,2,4,11) 10 ILCS 5/9-15.
4 /22/2016		LEG	(date subject to change) 3rd Reading Deadline Final day on which SENATE bills may be called for a final vote on 3rd reading (Rules) Final day on which HOUSE bills may be called for a final vote on 3rd reading (Rules)
8 4 /23/2016		ELEC OP	Last day for the chairmen of all county central committees to file with the clerk the names and addresses of their OFFICERS and PRECINCT COMMITTEES
4 /25/2016		ELEC OP	Begin preparation of the 2017 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar
4 /25/2016		ELEC OP	Begin compiling weighted vote figures for legislative and representative districts
4 /28/2016		VRS	Complete analysis of Referenda Profile. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 12)
4 /30/2016		ELEC OP	Estimated completion of the 2015 ELECTION CODES covering laws passed in this session. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1-13)
5 /1 /2016		ELEC OP	Statewide Advisory Question Filing Procedures are currently under legislative review and updates to Article 28.
5 /2 /2016		CAMP DISC	Date upon which the State Board of Election shall notify political committees of the 2016 MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS deadline that an assessment will be levied against the committee for failure to file in a timely fashion. Rules and Regulations 125.425.

4. **Follow up. (pg.)**
5. **Comments from the general public.**
6. **Next Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Chicago.**
7. **Executive Session.**